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TRAIN CRASHES INTO VANCOUVER STREET CAR

FINAL LAUSANNE ROUND-UP SOON

Contending Parties So Far Apart on Issues That Outcome of Peace Conference Is Uncertain

SHOW OF STRENGTH IS EXPECTED NEXT WEEK

Lord Curzon Definitely Announces Great Britain Will Not Abandon Mosul Oil Territory to Turkey

LAUSANNE, Dec. 27.—Great uneasiness is spreading throughout Near East conference circles as the time approaches when there must be a final reckoning on all important questions which have been passed with only partial agreement or no agreement at all between the Turks and the Allied Powers.

Lord Curzon's positive announcement today that Great Britain would not cede Mosul to Turkey and did not propose to discuss that question further, was the forerunner of less positive statements from the other delegations on various questions, which indicated that the conference was reaching a climax and that preparations were under way for a final showing of strength.

Little Progress
The sub-committee are making little progress. Riza Nur Bey was less truculent today in the sub-committee on minorities, but the Christmas rest apparently did not improve the temper of the Turks materially, and the Allied delegations are clearly becoming less tractable in preparation for a final and complete statement of the maximum they will yield.

The indications are that this final round-up will come early next week, and the contending parties are so far apart on capitulations, control of the Straits and the rights of minorities that the outcome is uncertain. It is clear further meetings of the commissions and sub-committee will be of little use.

Seemingly every one is talked out.

Map of Asia Minor
Kurds, Arabs, Assyro-Chaldeans, Armenians, Greeks, Turks, Bulgarians and Russians are watching with intense interest the Allied leaders' meeting daily in private conference, which are really deciding what the map of Asia Minor shall be. Lord Curzon, Marquis of Gifford and Mr. Balfour had a long discussion today on capitulations, which, after Mosul oil, probably is the most stubborn question for settlement.

The three leaders made no announcement as to what decision had been reached.

SUICIDE FOLLOWED SERVICE IN FRANCE

Vancouver Doctor Who Took Prussia Acid Had Been Wounded and Suffered From Strain

VANCOUVER, Dec. 27.—A verdict of death from prussic acid taken while temporarily insane, was the verdict at the inquest held this afternoon on the body of Dr. W. L. Shannon.

E. K. Debeck, who witnessed the suicide, said that the death of Dr. Shannon was as much a result of the war as if he had been killed in France, for he had suffered ever since from war strain. Dr. Shannon had been medical officer of the 10th (Alberta) Battalion, and had been very severely wounded overseas.

EGYPTIAN MURDERS ENGLISH LAWYER

In Fourteenth Attack Made on British Officials in Egypt During the Last Year

CAIRO, Egypt, Dec. 27.—The fourteenth attack on British officials in Egypt during the last year occurred today when Dr. Newby Robinson, lawyer, belonging to a law school here, was shot dead while riding a bicycle through the streets. The shooting was done by an Egyptian, who made his escape. It is believed the crime is a political one.

Two Die When Fascisti And Communists Clash

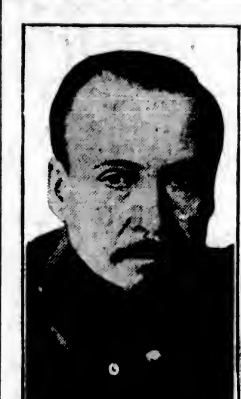
LONDON, Dec. 27.—A dispatch to the Central News from Rome reports sanguinary encounters at various places during the Christmas holidays between Fascisti and Communists.

At Piani, near Venice, Communists destroyed Fascisti manifestos. During the disturbance two persons were killed and many wounded.

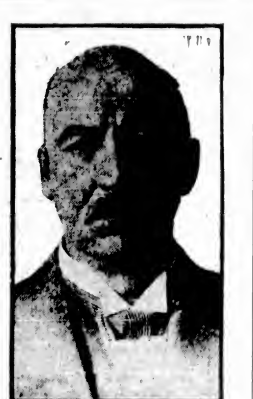
Six Germans to Help Compile History of War

BERLIN, Dec. 27.—A committee of six prominent Germans has been named to assist the Carnegie Foundation in the preparation for an "economic and social history of the world war" under the direction of the historian of Columbia University.

Polish Commander Is Accused



GEN. JOSEPH HALLER



GABRIEL NARUTOWICZ

Warsaw reports state General Haller, Polish Nationalist leader, is implicated in assassination of President Narutowicz.

TRIO UNITES TO FORCE BRITAIN

Belgium and France in General Agreement on Memorandum on Reparations Submitted by Italian Premier

IMPLIES ABROGATION OF BALFOUR NOTE

Will Not Attend Conference, Is Signor Mussolini's Ultimatum, Unless All-Round Cancellation Plan Cancelled

LONDON, Dec. 27.—A dispatch to The Times from Rome says The Giornale d'Italia asserts, on the highest authority, that Belgium and France have communicated their general agreement on the memorandum on reparations which Premier Mussolini submitted to the London premier's conference.

Premier Mussolini will not attend the Paris conference unless Great Britain similarly agrees to his plan, which virtually implies abrogation of the Balfour note.

The Balfour note, sent by Mr. Balfour to the Allies while he was Acting Foreign Minister in the cabinet of Mr. David Lloyd George, advocated an adjustment of inter-Alied debts by an all-round cancellation, England, on her part surrendering her share of the reparations to be paid by Germany.

Premier Bonar Law, in a statement to the House of Commons on December 14, declared frankly for the policy of the Balfour note, although previously he had indicated that the new government would not consider itself bound by it.

Two Firemen Injured In Louisville Fire

Office Building Gutted Following Explosion of Acid—Score of Fire-Fighters Overcome by Fumes

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Dec. 27.—Two firemen were seriously injured and more than a score overcome by smoke and gas when a four-story office building in the business district was gutted by fire early tonight.

Explosion of acids in the plant of an engraving company on the fourth floor generated quantities of gas, which added to the difficulties of fighting the flames.

One of the two men seriously injured was hurt in a fall. The other was injured by gas and smoke.

Extra Constables on Duty in Alberta Coal Area to Maintain Order

EDMONTON, Dec. 27.—Inspector J. J. Nicholson, of the Alberta Provincial Police, took charge of police operation at Cardiff, commencing this morning. Several extra men have been added to the number of constables on duty at this point, with a view to maintaining law and order in the village and at the mines.

Three men stopped Inspector Nicholson's car on the way to Cardiff this morning and as a result they were arrested on charges of carrying concealed weapons.

Set Earlier Opening for Vancouver Coach Shops

VANCOUVER, Dec. 27.—Local Canadian Pacific Railway officers received orders today to reopen Vancouver coach shops January 1 instead of January 8, the date originally set for resumption of work.

INDUSTRY BOARD AGAIN DOWNED

Revived Movement, Headed by Mr. A. H. Hunter, Meets Reverse When Alderman Todd Breaks Deadlock

TO MAKE ANOTHER ATTEMPT LATER

Conference With Chamber of Commerce Favored—Discussion Cause of Bitter Controversy

FOR the second time in two weeks an attempt was made yesterday afternoon to launch an industries board in Victoria, and it met the same fate as the first.

Mr. A. H. Hunter was the moving spirit, and when his plans were shot from under him by a bare majority who favored co-operation with the Chamber of Commerce he announced that he would try again.

"If you don't put this through today, I'll call another meeting tomorrow and form such a board," Mr. Hunter threatened when his meeting in the Belmont House was about half over and the tendency to stand by the Chamber of Commerce had first made itself evident.

The Chamber of Commerce and the old Board of Trade came in for some bitter verbal lashing from Mr. Hunter and his followers, but the proposal to form a new organization with a purpose ostensibly the same as that of Mr. John W. Wood's Industries Committee of the Chamber was opposed by others in terms almost as emphatic, and when the vote stood 14 to 14 on a motion to try co-operation with the organization already existing (Continued on Page 6)

Urges Greater Speed In Indian Transfers

Delay in Cutting Down Army Expenditures and Placing Indians in Command of Native Regiments Is Aggravating Feeling Against Great Britain, Says President of Moderate Congress

NAGPUR, India, Dec. 27.—In his presidential address before the Moderate Congress, Rt. Hon. Srinivasa Sastry said that the delay in cutting down the army expenditures and in transferring the command of the native regiments from British to Indian officers was aggravating the feeling against Great Britain daily.

He asserted that there would be no risk in granting full autonomy to the provinces of India, and declared that it would be a political blunder if the British Government prolonged the trying period of transition unnecessarily, thus increasing the sense of grievance until it became a danger.

He expressed his belief in British commonwealth of nations and in the British connection, and trusted that equal partnership for India in the commonwealth, which was an admitted theory, would soon be translated in fact.

\$750,000 Dividend Declared By Premier Company of Stewart

SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 27.—Declaration of a \$750,000 dividend by the Premier Gold Mining Company, of Stewart, B. C., was announced in a telegram received here today from Mr. H. A. Guesse, the company's general manager. The dividend amounts to 15 cents per dollar share of the \$5,000,000 capital, and will be paid on January 3.

The Premier started dividends this year, and the latest declaration will bring the total paid to stockholders to \$3,150,000. Smelting for the company is done in Tacoma.

Reports From North
VANCOUVER, B.C., Dec. 27.—Mining men down from the North for the holidays report that Salmon River has issued a special permit to the Winter activities are enjoying success beyond their best hopes. About a half-million dividend for the New Year, while the Flat Creek property of the American Mining & Milling Co. is said to be accumulating a notable shipment to go out as soon as the new winter season is finished. It is also predicted that George Wingfield, at present the dominating factor in the Dolly Varden Mine on Silver Arm, will begin extensive mining operations in the Spring. Pat Daly and several others have gone to New York to dispose of good looking claims near Stewart. It is announced.

Madame Bernhardt Is Optimistic in Brave Battle for Recovery

PARIS, Dec. 27.—Medical men attending Madame Sarah Bernhardt said this evening that there had been no improvement in her condition since morning, but neither had there been a change for the worse.

The actress herself is optimistic as ever. "Tell them in America," she said, "tell all my friends, how much I appreciate their kind interest. I shall get well again, never fear."

Brandy in Tubes Was Wrapped in Newspapers

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—Increased international circulation of Mexican and Canadian papers brought about the discovery that bootleggers have been shipping brandy and whisky in ten-ounce tubes wrapped in the papers, according to federal officials. Twelve regular subscribers were taken into custody yesterday.

ONE MAN KILLED FORTY INJURED

Great Northern Yard Train Demolishes Heavily Loaded Street Car at Vancouver Level Crossing

PASSENGERS PINNED BENEATH WRECKAGE

Thirteen Rushed to City Hospitals—Conductor and Motorman Badly Injured—Former May Die

VANCOUVER, Dec. 27.—One man is dead, thirteen are in local hospitals and more than a score of others sustained cuts and bruises as the result of an accident tonight when a Great Northern yard train crashed into and demolished a heavily-loaded eastbound Grandview street car on the level crossing at Raymur Avenue and Venables Street.

Every Seat Filled
The street car had practically every seat filled, and it is estimated that between 40 and 50 people were in it when the crash occurred.

As usual, the car stopped just west of the Raymur Avenue Great Northern tracks, then went ahead and was struck just abreast of the front trucks by the first of fifteen cars, loaded with wheat, which were being pushed north to the Government elevators by a Great Northern yard engine.

Smashed to Matchwood
The impact tore the body of the car, with its load of human freight, from the trucks, turned it over and then crushed it against a tall light.

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YOUNG BOY IS KILLED UNDER TRUCK WHEEL

Seven-Year-Old Child Meets Death From Accident While Playing in Front of Home

VANCOUVER, Dec. 27.—His chest crushed by the front wheel of a motor truck, a seven-year-old boy died just as the front tire was directly over his body. Billy William Ausman, seven-year-old son of R. J. Ausman, was killed while playing in front of his home which caused his death in the General Hospital about twenty minutes afterwards.

The police have attached no blame for the accident to A. E. Bell, driver of the truck which struck the little boy.

ILLINOIS FIRE MAY TAKE HEAVY LIFE TOLL

One Man Dead—Several Bodies Believed Inside Blazing Row of Factory District Shacks

PEORIA, Ill., Dec. 27.—Following a terrific explosion, the fire department was called to a row of shacks near the factory district this morning. The shacks are in flames. One man was found burned to death and several other bodies are believed to be inside. One man was taken to a hospital.

Alleged Father and Son Had Committed Murder

Portland Woman Who Stated Girl Had Been Blain in Household Goes to Detention Home

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 27.—Cash Weir, riverman, aged 46, and his son, Earl Weir, were released this afternoon when Deputy District Attorney Mowry moved in police court dismissal of charges which had been based on stories by Mrs. Helen Leary that a girl had been slain in Weir's household. Mrs. Leary was ordered sent to a municipal detention home for women.

PROVISIONAL CREDITS

PARIS, Dec. 27.—The Chamber of Deputies today voted provisional credits of \$3,480,190,000 francs to be applied to the execution of public business in the months of January and February, 1923.

This is an official acknowledgment that the French Government has given up all hope of voting the regular 1923 budget before the end of the year.

FRENCH PLAN TO TAKE FORESTS AS SECURITY

Prepared to Act Alone if Other Premiers Fail to Agree at Reconvened Session on German Reparations—Victory on Commission's Vote Carefully Planned Coup

Britain and France May Be Far Apart on Issues

PARIS, Dec. 27.—Premier Poincare plans to follow up the reparations commission's decision declaring Germany in default of her wood deliveries by presenting to the Allied Premiers' meeting here next week a scheme for taking over the German state forests as a guarantee. If the other Premiers will not agree to this step, it is understood France is prepared to act alone.

It now is feared that the British and French attitude will be as far apart when the Premiers convene as they were when the recent London conference adjourned and the latest reparations developments are taken to support this view.

NEW CLUB TO BACK HORSE RACING HERE

Encouragement of Sport Along Clean Lines Is Objective of Riding and Driving Organisation

Formed with a view to putting horse racing and the breeding of thoroughbreds on a new foundation, more substantial than ever in the past, the Victoria Riding and Driving Club was brought into being last night at a meeting in the City Council Chamber.

Dr. F. M. Grant is president of the new organization, with Lieut. R. Carley, for years associated with Old Country, as breeding and racing, acting as secretary. The executive committee consists of Messrs. W. Hestie, J. Hestie, Percy Fox, A. Wilcox, W. J. Dennis and John Baxter. The objective of the new organization is to stimulate clean horse racing and arouse public interest in a sport which during the last few years has received little local encouragement. Although the matter was not specifically discussed last night, the club will probably negotiate for the formation of a racing commission in Victoria to see that horse races here are controlled by the better element and regulated in such a way as to build up and retain public confidence. The club is expected to have charge of the race meet to be held at the Willows this fall, and to foster other activities related to the horse breeding industry.

The Victoria Riding and Driving Club takes the place of the now defunct Vancouver Island Thoroughbred Horse Breeding Association, which led a strenuous but brief existence as a result of a series of controversies among factions within the membership.

Mr. James Dekkers stated that the Vancouver Island Association, of which he had been chairman, had nothing to do with the calling of the meeting and retired when organization of the new body was proceeded with.

INTEREST AROUSED IN COMMISSIONERS

Vancouver's Police Body for Enslaving Year May Be Named by Government Today

More than usual interest has been aroused this year with regard to the Provincial Government nominees on the Vancouver Police Commission for the ensuing year.

It had been reported yesterday that the appointments had been made. Inquiry at the Attorney-General's Department, whence these positions are filled, was met with the announcement that no appointments had been made.

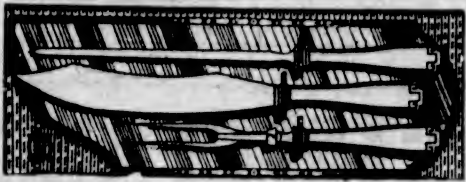
It is expected that the two positions will be filled today.

Speculation in Vancouver is quite keen, but it is thought that Mr. T. Harnett may be reappointed, with either Aid. Almond or Aid. Gibbons as his mate.

Mr. Edward Parnell Leaves Requests to Number of Charities

LONDON, Ont., Dec. 27.—Mr. Edward Parnell, former well known banker of this city, who died in Victoria on June 3, while Mayor of Winnipeg, left an estate valued at \$332,000. His will, which was probated in the surrogate court of Manitoba, has been sent to the surrogate court here for resealing, as part of the estate includes property in Ontario. The Ontario property is valued at \$45,000. A number of charitable institutions are included in the bequests.

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WIRELESS PHOTOGRAPHY IS LATEST DISCOVERY

LONDON, Dec. 27.—The Daily Mail announces that an electrician, Mr. T. T. Baker, a pioneer in photography, has completed a process for wireless photography on which he has been working for some time. It is said that he has found it possible to send a wireless photograph which is reproduced on a sensitive film some distance away from the sending set.

The newspaper prints a picture which, it says, was transmitted by Mr. Baker from one building to another building a hundred yards distant within three minutes. It adds that the process before long may be used for the transmission of pictures over unlimited areas.

EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT RETAINS DISCOVERIES

LONDON, Dec. 27.—Dispatches to the London newspapers today stress the growing anxiety of foreign explorers over the new law which Mr. Lacau, the Egyptian Government's conservator of antiquities, is drafting, providing that all relics henceforth discovered shall belong solely to the government and that the discoverers shall be denied the right to a share in them as heretofore. United States explorers are represented as participating in opposition to the law and are said to have signed with the British a joint document of protest, which will be presented to King Fuad, the Egyptian cabinet, Mr. Lacau and Field Marshal Viscount Allenby, the British high commissioner.

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ANNOUNCE CANDIDATES FOR EAST NEWCASTLE

Mr. Hon. Arthur Henderson Will Bid for Seat in British House in By-Election Contest

LONDON, Dec. 27.—The candidates in the by-election in East Newcastle, caused by the death of Mr. John Bell, the Labor member for that constituency, have lined up as follows:

Right Hon. Arthur Henderson, Labor; Captain R. Geo. V. C., Conservative, former member for Woolwich; and Major H. Barnes, Independent Liberal, former member for East Newcastle, defeated in the last general election.

Mr. Henderson, besides having a national reputation, is well known in Newcastle as a former resident and a member of the town council.

The National Liberals have made something of a sacrifice in deciding not to oppose Major Barnes. Though Major Barnes was elected in 1918 in Newcastle East as a Coalition Liberal, he later became one of Lloyd George's bitterest critics.

The by-election will be held about January 26. The date has not yet been officially announced.

INVESTIGATION HELD ON BASILICA FIRE

Pastor Does Not Believe Coal Gas or Electricity Responsible—Receipt of Threatening Letters

QUEBEC, Dec. 27.—Nothing definite which might help discover the cause of the fire which destroyed the Quebec Basilica early on Friday morning, December 22, was revealed at the investigation conducted by Eugene Leclair, fire marshal of Quebec, at the city hall today. A number of witnesses were examined, but none of them could supply any information to assist the fire commissioners. Monsignor Lafontaine, pastor of the cathedral, who saw the fire, said he did not believe that either electricity or coal gas had been the cause. He could not express any opinion of how the fire might have originated. He said he had never received any letters containing any threats. He had been told that such letters had been received by other priests, but he did not know personally.

HIGH WINDS TOPPLE ASTORIA FIRE RUINS

ASTORIA, Ore., Dec. 27.—South-east wind, estimated by mariners to have reached a velocity of 70 miles an hour, toppled over several walls in the wreckage of Astoria's fire-wrecked business district last night. Part of the west wall of the Elks' Temple fell on a partly-built temporary building being erected for a cigar store. No one was hurt.

Towering fragments on the Astoria Savings Bank ruins and one of the standing walls of the First National Bank building also fell, but did no damage.

The high wind fanned into increased combustion smoldering coal piles in the basements of some of the buildings destroyed in the conflagration of December 8.

Bootlegging Ship Taken After Exciting Tussle

SEATTLE, Dec. 27.—Culminating in a game of hide and seek lasting several days, during which shots were exchanged, the speedy launch 911-K, loaded with 29 cases of assorted whisky, has been seized and its crew of two placed under arrest at Anacortes, according to word received in Seattle today by Henry C. Blackwood, special deputy collector of customs.

SIR DERRICK WERNHER TAKES RUSSIAN BRIDE

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Sir Derrick Julius Wernher, son of the late Julius Wernher, who is said to have made more than \$10,000,000 in the South African diamond fields, and Miss Theodora Romanov, a young Russian, were married secretly two weeks ago, the bridegroom admitted today. Both he and his bride denied rumors that she is of royal blood.

Sir Derrick, who said he was in the advertising business, first attracted public attention when his father published in English and continental newspapers a notice that he would pay no more bills for the young man. The son was said to have accumulated debts totalling \$200,000 at Eton and Oxford, and \$175,000 more at the races in Europe. When Sir Julius died it was learned he had left his son \$2,000 a year until he reached thirty years, when the annuity was to be increased to \$12,000.

LOWEST DEATH RATE ON AMERICAN BOOKS

Decline in Three Causes—Suicides, Homicides and Auto Fatalities Show Increase

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Declines in the death rate from heart disease, influenza, pneumonia, and tuberculosis, compared with 1921 in 1922, a higher rate for 1922 is indicated in the reports for the first six months of this year, showing the rate to be 12.3 for that period.

The number of deaths for the whole United States for 1921 approximates 1,271,444.

Heart diseases were responsible for 488,000 or 12.3 per cent of the deaths in 1921, but the rate per 100,000 declined from 149.7 to 147.0. Influenza and pneumonia in all forms caused 28,488 deaths compared with 182,968 in 1920, the rate declining from 302.3 to 99.8. Tuberculosis in all its forms resulted in 82,138 deaths, compared with 99,918 in 1920, the rate declining from 114.3 to 99.4. Cancer and other malignant tumors were responsible for 76,374 deaths, compared with 73,931 in 1920, the rate increasing from 83.4 to 88.00.

LOST DEATH BATTLE WITH BAND OF WOLVES

PORT ARTHUR, Ont., Dec. 27.—The death of an elderly white man and two Indians who are said to have been devotedly following a losing battle against a great band of timber wolves on a trail seventy miles north of Ignace, in the Saugeen River country, has been reported here but has not yet been confirmed.

Their guns were nearby where the bodies were recovered and the breeches empty and scattered about were evidences of their being compelled to use every bit of ammunition. The carcasses of 18 dead wolves, some gnawed at and others half eaten, lay in a circle about the remains of the Indians.

ADMIT TAKING PAY TO DESTROY LAUNDRY

Two Buildings Set Afire and Watchman Killed Through Efforts of New York Organisation

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Two men taken in a recent roundup of burglar suspects confessed, according to the police, that they had been employed by a laundry workers' association at \$15 a job to destroy with acids the wearing apparel in the shops of laundry owners, who refused to recognize them. They were reported to have told the police that they had worked together on fifteen jobs and that the laundries they visited had been set afire by the acids. A watchman was burned to death in one of the fires, they said.

ARRESTED TWO OFFICIALS

Immediately after the men, who gave their names as Frank Marches and Louis Wallinger, had confessed, police raided the headquarters of a laundrymen's organization in Park Row, seized its records and arrested two officials, whose names they would not reveal.

Information given by Marches and Wallinger, it was said, indicated that the laundry organization which employed them had set out to destroy the shop of every laundryman who refused to recognize their organization.

FRIGHTENED BUSINESSMEN

Marches and Wallinger declared they had been employed by other organizations as "terrorists" and that their duties were to frighten businessmen into joining the various organizations.

SIXTEEN PERSONS HURT IN DUST EXPLOSION

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 27.—At least 15 persons were injured, some believed to be dangerously, this afternoon when a dust explosion, followed by fire, entirely destroyed the plant of the Schreiber Flour and Cereal Company in the West Bottoms here.

ROUBLE TOO UNSTABLE TO PRESENT BUDGET

Change in Tax System Making Penalties Payable Money Instead of Kind Is Suggested

MOSCOW, Dec. 27.—The all-Russian Soviet Congress, at its session yesterday, heard reports concerning the financial situation, taxes and industries, to which questions the various Government departments are giving much attention because of recent events.

M. Sokolnikoff, the Acting Commissioner of Finance, was the principal speaker. He asserted that he was not prepared to present the budget for 1923 because of the unstable condition of the rouble, and declared that the depreciation of the rouble and the budget deficiency had necessitated a further issuance of paper money, with the result that the currency had not yet been stabilized.

Shift in Tax

As one of the means for overcoming the deficit, M. Sokolnikoff recommended a change in the tax system, asserting that he thought it best to shift from a tax in kind for the peasant to a monetary tax. He suggested that the change be brought about gradually so as to prevent confusion and hardship among individuals.

Unification

The commissioner asserted that another cause calling for unification of the Soviet Republics into a single Socialist Federation was the economic situation, inasmuch as nearly all of Russia's resources had been exhausted. The small autonomous republics, he said, could not exist without Russia proper, and on the other hand, Russia could not satisfy its needs for raw materials and life without their combined support. The present financial condition of the country necessitated unification, he asserted.

ENDS CASE AGAINST PENTICTON OFFICER

Inquiry Into Liquor and Drug Allegations Adjourned for Commission to Draw Up Its Findings

PENTICTON, Dec. 27.—At the resumption on Tuesday of the public inquiry into the charges against Chief Police R. L. Dodge, the chief produced official records to show that he was busy elsewhere at the time he was supposed to have accepted \$50 from Quong Sang for not prosecuting him for selling liquor.

Que Broccoli, taxi driver, complained that late in 1920, when he and a partner were operating the old Dominion bar, the chief demanded payment to refrain from prosecution for selling liquor. Broccoli produced a paper on which he said the chief wrote his name at the time so that they might know where to send the money and maintained that his partner did send \$20. Reeve E. J. Chambers, presiding, required the chief to sign his name and hand it to the commission, and when a comparison was made with that handed in by Broccoli, even Mr. C. S. Lyons, acting for the complainant, admitted they were not written by the same man.

Mr. Lyons intimated that he would have no more cases to bring to the attention of the inquiry, which was adjourned to allow time for the commission to draw up its findings.

FAVORS RESTRICTING CONFERENCE TOPICS

Question of Reparations, Allied Debts and Immigration Should Be Excluded, Says Senator Lodge

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—The first official declaration that President Harding is negotiating toward an international conference for the consideration of European economic problems was made by Senator Lodge, of Massachusetts, the Republican floor leader, during opening debate in the Senate today on the proposal of Senator Borah, Republican, of Idaho, for the President to call an international conference to discuss economic conditions and disarmament.

In opposing the Borah proposal, which is in the form of an amendment to the naval appropriation bill, Senator Lodge urged that the President be not embarrassed "in the effort which he is now making as a matter of fact."

Senator Lodge, in the course of an hour's address against the Borah amendment as presented, did not oppose the calling of an economic conference, but said it should be carefully and strictly defined with such questions as reparations, Allied debts and immigration specifically excluded from consideration.

The State Department, which has consistently maintained silence as to any efforts the administration might be making in reference to improving economic and business conditions in Europe, declined to add anything to the statement of Senator Lodge, but it was learned that President Harding was considering most seriously transmitting a letter to the Senate giving information of his negotiations and at the same time deploring any intervention from Congress which might operate to hinder his efforts.

It is understood that through the State Department the President has been "rounding out" several powers regarding the desirability of holding an economic conference. Whether the proposed conference would be called by or held in the United States or whether this matter would be a participant, were, however, important details not discussed.

FOUR EXTRA QUEBEC ELECTORAL DIVISIONS

QUEBEC, Dec. 27.—There are to be 55 electoral divisions in the Province of Quebec, an addition of four, when the next elections are held in February or March. There are now



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VANCOUVER FEELS VERY AGGRIEVED

HON. DR. KING'S REPLY TO RE-
QUESTS NOT REASSURING

Minister of Public Works Makes Clear
That Grain Elevator Will
Have to Wait

Vancouver's Christmas stocking
contained no promise of a Govern-
ment elevator this year. Santa Claus,
in the person of Hon. J. H. King, Min-
ister of Public Works, skinned over
the city's chimney top on Saturday
without dropping any of the gifts
that the business men of Vancouver
were expecting of him. He made it
clear that the question of a govern-
ment elevator for Vancouver was for
Parliament to decide. The Province
thus summarizes the meeting held
between Hon. Dr. King and the Coun-
cil of the Board of Trade on the Min-
ister's recent visit to Vancouver.

Mr. R. Kerr Houlgate presided, and
a memorial on the whole grain situa-
tion was read by Mr. Robert McKee.
Only the Council of the Board of
Trade was present, and the members
of the grain committee and the mem-
bers of the Harbor Board.

The demands embodied in the
Board of Trade memorial were briefly
as follows: That the Port of Vancou-
ver be admitted by the Government
as being a permanent natural and
practicable outlet for Canadian grain.
That the Port of Vancouver be con-
sidered by the Government as a great
national port rather than merely a
British Columbia port.

That all national ports should, in
principle, receive an equal measure
of Government assistance, the extent
of such assistance to be determined
by the relative needs of each, in the
impairment development of Canada as
a whole.

Equality With Montreal

That the Port of Vancouver should
be placed on an equal footing with
the Port of Montreal, in so far as Gov-
ernment assistance and control are
concerned.

That the Government should estab-
lish without delay such grain hand-
ling facilities as may be necessary to
facilitate and take care of the grain
business now offering, and which may
offer in the near future, through the
Port of Vancouver.

Dr. King, in his reply, made it clear
that the matter would come up in
the House when it met in three or
four weeks' time, and apart from the
accumulation of data leading to the
necessity for greater grain handling
facilities, here, nothing would be
done in the interval.

The Minister declared that the Gov-
ernment refused to be stampeded into
unconstitutional methods in order to
meet Vancouver's demands. He re-
sented the charge that Montreal was
being shown consideration by the
Government which was denied Vancou-
ver in the matter of harbor de-
velopments, and went into a historical
explanation of the conditions obtain-
ing at Montreal as compared with
Vancouver.

Montreal Harbor in its entirety was
the property of the people of Mont-
real, and as such was held in trust
by the Government and administered
by the Government through the Har-
bor Board. There was previously no
other harbor in North America where
such a condition existed, and the po-
sition in regard to Vancouver and
the waterfrontage there was entirely
different.

An elevator for Vancouver had to
be properly located, for it would be a
permanent thing, and it was wrong-
ly placed might be a handicap to the
grain business rather than a help.

Had Not Been Profitable

He referred to the fact that up to
last year the existing elevator had not
been a profitable venture, and under
the new arrangement placing it
under the jurisdiction of the Har-
bor Board, it was the hope of the
Government that it would continue
to be a valuable asset to the city and
profitable venture commercially.

In regard to additional elevators,
the position was that the Harbor
Board would now settle down to in-
quire what was needed in the best in-
terests of the city. It would then
come to Parliament and ask for
money or guarantees according to
what was believed necessary.

Dr. King said he had every reason
to hope that the Government and Par-
liament would listen to the demands
of the Harbor Board. That applied
not only with respect to the season
that would soon be opening, but to
the following season, and the one
after that. He believed a real pro-
gramme would be laid down by the
board and worked out gradually year
by year, in a manner that would
guarantee to the grain trade at the
port a stability of conditions.

Dr. King declared that he had not
yet received the memorial presented
to the Government when the Vancou-
ver delegation was in Ottawa in
February, because he was not in of-
fice at that time.

Send Delegates

He told them to send their dele-
gates along to Ottawa and present
their case for greater harbor facili-
ties, but to remember that the Gov-
ernment would not be forced into
wartime methods in such matters as
elevators.

If five million or ten million bushels
of wheat did not pass through Vancou-
ver next year for lack of elevator
accommodation, that was a mere
bagatelle in the history and the fu-
ture of Vancouver. They must take
a broader vision and a longer view
of the greatness of the port and build
for the future and not for the day.

In conclusion, the minister declared
that if they would visit Ottawa and
Eastern Canada they would learn
that Dr. King was not lying down on
the job, as had been charged, but
very much on the job, and very active
in the interests of Vancouver and his
own Province of British Columbia.

As a final word, he urged lumber
men to develop the foreign market
so that they might be in a position

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ing today of the Permanent Board of
Trustees of the Wilson Foundation,
Mr. Hamilton Holt, executive direc-
tor, announced that \$800,000 had
been contributed toward the \$1,000,-
000 fund and that another \$100,000
was expected when missing reports
were received.

The trustee drafted a telegram to
Mr. Wilson congratulating him on his
birthday and declaring that the sup-
port of the foundation was "a splen-
did expression of faith." It was
signed by Mr. Franklin D. Roosevelt
as chairman.

ANOTHER EARTHQUAKE STARTLES VICTORIANS

Mr. F. Napier Denison Places Centre
of Disturbance Felt Here Some-
where in Haro Straits

A majority of residents in the Vic-
toria West, Dallas Road and Oak Bay
districts felt the earth tremor which
occurred here at 6:28 last evening,
and the Meteorological Bureau at
Gonzales Heights, as well as The
Colonist office, were besieged with
inquiries as to the centre of the dis-
turbance.

Mr. F. Napier Denison, superinten-
dent of the bureau, examined the
seismographic instruments imme-
diately and found that the duration of
the tremor was only about two sec-
onds, although it was very clearly
defined. On making further inquiries
through the wireless instrument at
Gonzales Heights, he learned that
there had been no tremor recorded
either at Estevan or Point Grey, Na-
naimo or Vancouver. This narrowed
the area of the disturbance, and Mr.
Denison finally decided that the cen-
tre of the trouble must have been
somewhere in the neighborhood of
Victoria, probably in the Haro
Straits, which connect the Straits of
Georgia and Juan de Fuca.

"It is just possible that there may
be a slight crack in the earth's man-
tle just under the sea," explains Mr.
Denison. The coastline hereabouts in
certain places has evidently been ex-
periencing an abnormal strain, and
the tremor probably indicates the
cracking which will be the symptom
of relief.

According to the sources of the
telephoned queries the tremor was
felt quite distinctly not only in every
section of Victoria, but right out
through the Gordon Head district and
as far north at least as James Island.

CHRISTMAS THIEF ROBS RED CROSS TILL

Enters Workrooms by Coal Chute,
But Finds Only About Five or
Six Dollars

Someone celebrated Christmas
night by climbing through the coal
chute into the Red Cross workshop
at 514 Fort Street and rifling a desk
of about five or six dollars in change.
The thief evidently tried to enter
the building first through the second-
story windows, but gave it up and
took the underground passage instead.

A large quantity of valuable tools
stored in the workshop was left
untouched. Only the money was
taken.

The police believe the robbery was
an "inside job."

PRIZES PRESENTED TO SUNDAY SCHOOL

Three Hundred and Fifty Children
Attend Banquet and Entertain-
ment in St. John's Church

St. John's Sunday School held its
annual Christmas entertainment last
evening, when prizes and diplomas
for general proficiency were pre-
sented to the three hundred and
fifty children who attended the ban-
quet and programme which followed.

The supper, which was served at
six o'clock, was a very well organ-
ized affair, Mrs. Carier being in charge
of the arrangements, and seeing that
each of the youngsters had a proper
share of the abundant good things
that were provided. After this was
over many of the parents and older
friends joined the gay gathering, the
features of the abundant good things
being the presentation by Mr.
W. R. Sayer, superintendent of the
Sunday school, of the prizes and dip-
lomas. Drills and dialogues, vocal
and instrumental music and short
speeches filled in the remainder of
the evening very divertingly, the
principal speaker being Rev. F. A. P.
Chadwick. Congratulating the chil-
dren and their teachers on the splen-
did work done by them during the
past year, Mr. Chadwick voiced the
hope that ere long there would be a
new parish hall in connection with
St. John's. This would relieve the
congestion which is experienced at
present owing to the overcrowded
state of the schoolroom.

GOVERNMENT APPOINTMENT

The Provincial Government has an-
nounced the appointment of the fol-
lowing on the executive council of
the Association of Professional En-
gineers for the year: Professor E.
G. Matheson, of the University of
British Columbia; James Muirhead,
electrical engineer of Vancouver; E.
Brydon-Jack, civil engineer, Vic-
toria; John Robert Grant, structural
engineer, of Vancouver. These take
the places filled by last year's Gov-
ernment appointees, Prof. Matheson,
George Wilkinson, of Victoria; John
Peck, of New Westminster, and W.
R. Bonnycastle, of Vancouver.

The president of the association is
A. E. Foreman, formerly public works
engineer, while C. Brackenridge is
vice-president.

Other members of the council of
the association are: F. W. Guernsey,
mining engineer; Frank Sawford,
structural engineer; H. L. Robertson,
civil and mechanical engineer; Pat-
rick Philip, civil engineer.

D. O. Lewis, as last past president,
also becomes a member of the coun-
cil under the act.

PLEADS GUILTY TO CHARGE OF BIGAMY

Mrs. Bryson Related Story of Marital
Troubles to Police Magistrate,
Who Reserves Judgment

Mrs. Juliette Marguerite Rosina
Bryson, charged with bigamy, elect-
ed to be tried summarily before Magis-
trate Jay in the city police court yester-
day morning, and changed a plea
of not guilty to one of guilty. She
was remanded until this morning for
sentence, which, at the discretion of
the court, may be a maximum one
on such a charge of seven years' im-
prisonment. It is very probable, how-
ever, judging from the remarks of
the magistrate, that the sentence will
be comparatively light.

Tearfully, Mrs. Bryson faced the
crowded court room yesterday and in
halting words told of her several
passages on the stormy sea of matrimony.
The most salient fact brought
out in her story appeared to be that
she had been determined to be a
married woman.

Her maiden name, she said, had
been Juliette La Touche, but she re-
fused to divulge her father's name or
his place of residence. She had been
born in Paris, France, and both her
parents were French. During the
war days she served as a nurse, first
a year in Belgium, then two years in
France and then a year in Mesopotamia
as an ambulance driver.

It was as a nurse that she met her
first affinity, John Bryson, and the
friendship formed then was subse-
quently strengthened in England and
she became his wife.

Apparently life with John Bryson
was so easy as it had first ap-
peared, and following the birth of a
child she came to Canada. In the
Summer of 1920 John Bryson died,
and she received the news of his
death from her late husband's sister
by telegraph. Two months later she
married William Ritchie Dowd in
Vancouver.

Alleged Fake

Evidently her new husband's peo-
ple did not take kindly to the mar-
riage, because when accused went to
Ottawa as Mrs. Dowd she was not
received by her husband's family.
Relations between accused and her
husband became strained until some
time later, in England, she was told
that their marriage had been a fake
and that she was not really his wife.

Crown counsel, by Crown Prose-
cutor Harrison, accused explained the
circumstances of her marriage to
Dowd in Vancouver. The ceremony
had been properly performed, she
thought, but she claimed she had
been told afterwards by a junior of-
ficial in the office of the Federal
Minister of the Interior that the mar-
riage had been a "phony" one and
therefore invalid. Her marriage with
Dowd resulted in the birth of one
child.

Accused and her husband agreed
to disagree and parted. Some time
later she met Mr. Robert Lees, and
on May 29, 1921, believing that she
had been the victim of a hoax in re-
gard to her marriage with Dowd,
went through a form of marriage
with him in Victoria. Once more the
aim of Dan Cupid had been poor, for,
following a very short time of wedded
life, she and her husband disagreed
and separated.

Crown counsel at this point asked
if accused had not been divorced by
a man named Mr. J. L. Watson in
1918. Accused refused to answer,
and in tears appealed to the bench
to shield her from additional humili-
ation. Tears interrupted the cross-
examination of Crown counsel at fre-
quent intervals, and Mr. Harrison, in
view of the statement, amounting to
a confession to the charge as laid,
made by accused, was content to rest
the prosecution upon the facts of the
case as contained in statements of
accused.

Fine for Suspended Sentence

Mr. R. C. Lowe, counsel for ac-
cused, in his plea for suspended sen-
tence, submitted that accused had
been victimized or had been firmly
led to believe that she had been vic-
timized in her second marriage. She
had married Lees in Victoria, he
urged, under the conviction that her
previous marriage to Dowd in Vancou-
ver had been invalid and therefore
not binding upon her. Consequently,
he asserted, accused had not been
guilty of intent to commit an offence.

Mr. Lowe further asked the court
to consider that the charge against
accused had not been laid by the
state but by a private individual.

Crown counsel pointed out that the
charge of bigamy was not a question
involving private morals so much as
state conventions, and consequently,
while the charge against accused had
been laid by a private individual, Mr.
Lees Campbell, formerly private de-
tective at the Empress Hotel, the of-
fence was one against state law to a
larger degree than against private
morals. He asserted that accused had
failed to make more than very indif-
ferent efforts to ascertain her status
before entering into a contract with
Lees, and he reminded the court that
the marriage celebrated between ac-
cused and Mr. W. R. Dowd was quite
legal and still remained so.

Most Unfortunate Case

"In half an hour this woman has
unfolded to me the life she has led
for the past five to seven years,"
stated Magistrate Jay. "It is a most
unfortunate case, and it seems im-
possible to immediately determine
whether accused is a designing woman
preying upon men or is herself
the victim of the actions of un-
scrupulous men. The facts of the
case are that she has committed
bigamy, which carries with it a max-
imum sentence of seven years in
prison. Yet I think that no one
would contend that there should be
a sentence of seven years in this case.
Sentence will be reserved until to-
morrow."

Admission was made by accused
that she had at times adopted the
name of Mrs. Tree, but she denied
that she had ever used the nom-de-
plume of "Lady Tree" in Vancouver.
Early in the trial, before counsel
for defence opened his case, he asked
that court should be cleared. Magis-
trate Jay, ruling that the case was
one of law and not of morals, refused
to grant the request. Many women
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Made from all pure wool tweed, in desirable shades, with extra good quality lining. Bloomers finished with patent governor fastener at knee and belt of same material; sizes 10 to 16 years. Price \$15.00

Boys' Bloomer Pants, \$1.95

Boys' Bloomers of English wool mixture tweeds, lined throughout, with patent governor fastener at knee and belt loops. Come in grey, brown, blue and fawn; sizes 9 to 16 years. Per pair \$1.95

Boys' Corduroy Knickers, \$1.59

Strong Corduroy Knickers, lined throughout, straight bottom style, in rich brown shade; sizes 4 to 10 years. Per pair \$1.59

Boys' Tweed Caps, \$1.25

Smart shapes in flat one-piece tops, band at back with pleats, lined throughout, well shaped peak. Come in desirable shades of lovat, green, grey checks and Donegal tweed patterns; all sizes. Price \$1.25

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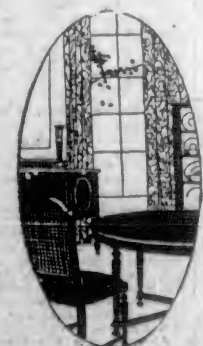
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Quilted Satin Boudoir Slippers, specially imported from England. In delicate shades of mauve, pink, old rose, blue and black. 95c

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D'Orsay Face Powder, value \$1.50, for \$1.15
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Ivory Manicure Articles, value 50c, for \$3.49
Pearl Manicure Articles, value 50c, for \$3.49
Sachet Powders, value 25c \$1.49
Brilliantine, value 40c, for \$3.49
Gibbs' Big Bath Soap, 9 for \$27.49
La Belle Toilet Water, value \$1.25, for \$8.49
French Concentrated Perfume, value \$1.00, for \$7.49
French Vanishing Cream, value 50c, for \$3.49

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All Calendars left over from the Christmas season marked to sell today at HALF PRICE

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A Clearance of Men's Neckwear 59c

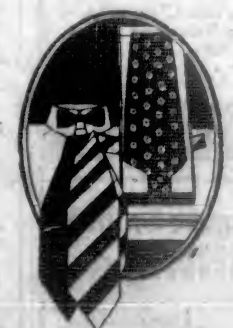
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Men's English Cashmere Socks 65c Pair

120 pairs of Men's Fine Gauge English Cashmere Socks, in fawn, grey, green and brown. Sizes 10 to 11. Special Mark-Down Price today, per pair 65c

Men's Suspenders Marked Down to 25c Pair

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Selected Pilsen Beer, per lb.	20c	25c
Chiquito Tomatoes, 5 large cans	35c	25c
Fine Orange Pekoe Tea, per lb., 40c; or 5 lbs. for	\$1.15	\$1.00
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Social & Personal

Coming-Out Dance

Brigadier-General and Mrs. Green-
Wilkinson, of Saanich, North Salt
Spring Island, were the hosts at a
very charming dance last evening in
the Empress Hotel, when they enter-
tained in honor of the coming-out of
their daughter, Miss Constance Green-
Wilkinson. Dancing took place in the
ballroom to the strains of Prof.
Heston's orchestra, and supper was
served at small tables in the dining
room. Mrs. Green-Wilkinson was
robed in a handsome gown of black
chiffon velvet, and was assisted in
receiving the guests by her sister-in-
law, Miss Green-Wilkinson, in a black
sequin robe and a tiara of jet. Miss
Constance Green-Wilkinson made a
very pretty debutante in a dainty frock
of shell pink satin, with overdrapes
of forget-me-not shades of chiffon, and
a basque in jet and black velvet, with
pink, with ribbon streamers. Among
the invited guests, who numbered
about one hundred, were Major-Gen-
eral Sir Jocelyn and Mrs. Green-
Wilkinson, Colonel and Mrs. H. H.
Phillips, Stuart Robertson, Pitts
Brickett, Mr. and Mrs. Jackson, of
Cobble Hill; Mr. C. Trench, of Salt
Spring Island; Mr. and Mrs. W. H.
Cartwright, Major and Mrs. S. S.
Humphreys, Major and Mrs. Macdon-
ald, Major and Mrs. Holmes, Mr. and
Mrs. L. Duke, and the Misses B. M.
Pemberton, Yoder Pemberton, Grace
Robertson, Humber, Dola Dunsmuir,
Ruth McBride, G. Lemon, Alice Nash,
Kitty Campbell, Margaret Scott, Vi-
ven Matson, Gwynne, Gladys Irving,
Gladys Peters, Maude Scott, of Salt
Spring Island; Iris Burton, Gwen Mc-
Phillips, Stuart Robertson, Pitts
Brickett, David Ker, Isabel and
Doris Wilson, Eugenia Fuller, Ines
Carry, Beryl Scott, of Salt Spring
Island; Alvin, Beryl McCulloch, Mar-
garet Bayward, Elderton, Norma and
Helen Macdonald, Jean Harvey, Jean
Rosa, Grey, Bodwell, Mrs. Cudmore,
Mr. and Mrs. V. Macdonald, Captain
Anderson, Captain Weeks, Captain
Woods, Captain Mitchell, Captain the
Hon. E. Gore-Langton, and the
Messrs. McIntosh, Halcro, Mathew,
W. Pemberton, Merston, Ker, Pitts,
J. Hargrave, Ward, Hadley, Burton,
Ollispe, Fuller, Musgrave, Beck,
Martine Barton, Lewis, Elderton, B.
Buras, McCullum, McPhillips, Steven-
son, De Boullé, E. Harvey, Raymur,
H. Heiter, Van der Byl, Nalra Rob-
ertson, Burdick, and Major Pridoux.
A cotillon was danced, led by Major
Pridoux and Miss Constance Green-
Wilkinson, and was very prettily
executed.

Young People's Dance

The home of the Hon. Mr. Justice
and Mrs. W. A. Gallinger, St. Charles
Street, was the scene of a very jolly
young people's dance last evening
when they entertained for their two
daughters, Elaine and Margaret. The
house was gay with Christmas decora-
tions, and Mr. Justice supplied the most
spirited of dance music. Included in
the list of invited guests were the
Misses Bobbie and Billy Goward,
Dorothy Geake, Jean Campbell, Mar-
garet Fletcher, Athalia Gibson, Helen
and "Tommy" Wilson, Mary and
Margaret Ross, Alex Bradshaw, Hester
Cleveland, Margaret Sehl, "Baby"
Oates, Lorna Tripp, Kathleen Ross,
Margaret Adams, Janet Meares,
Peggy and Grace Humber, Betty and
Peggy Schofield, Justa McKenna,
Cathy Holmes, Margot Homer-Dixon,
Frances Bennett, and the Messrs.
Elkbeck and Roger Wilson, Tommy
and Robbie Tye, Val Jones, Walter
Fletcher, Dennis and Billy Hagar,
Andrew Wright, Charles Heisterman,
Dick Fleming, John Symon, Roy and
Arthur Morris, Donald and Harold
Hayes, Edwin McLean, John Ross,
Ronald Adams, Blair Dixon, Cedric
Walker, Alex and Donald Campbell,
Kelly, Linn, Desmond and Victor
Martin, Hugh McLean and Jack
Christie.

Christmas Tree Party

Between thirty and forty children
with their parents were entertained
on Wednesday afternoon at a Christ-
mas tree party at Cranleigh House
School by Mrs. Milton, in honor of
her little daughter Molly. Games,
free and distribution of gifts from the
tree put all the little guests in a very
happy frame of mind, and the after-
noon was greatly enjoyed by children
and adults alike.

Children's Dance

Dr. and Mrs. Walter Barty, Pem-
berton Road, entertained at a very
jolly little party last evening in honor
of their son Harry. Part of the even-
ing was spent in playing cards, and
dancing being enjoyed later. About
twenty-five guests were present, and a
very merry time was spent.

Visiting the City

A. Wallace McMorran, Mrs. Mc-
Morran and family, of Kamloops, are
visitors to the city for the holidays.
Mr. McMorran is the general manager
of the Western Canadian Ranges
Company's properties in the Interior
Country, with headquarters at the
Geog Ranch, in the Chilcotin.

Engagement Announced

Mr. and Mrs. O. Gibbs, of 249
Bivola Street, Victoria, announce the
engagement of their only daughter,
Mary Violet, to Michael, fourth son of
Mr. and Mrs. Thos. O'Connell, of 1119
Princes Avenue, Victoria.

Christmas Visitors

Among the Christmas guests at
Litchford at the Empress were Sir
Jocelyn and Lady Percy with Mr. and
Mrs. Kenneth B. Foyter.

Will Receive New Year

The Bishop of Columbia and Mrs.
Sehefeld will be "at home" on the
afternoon of New Year's Day, from
1 to 5.

SALT SPRING ISLAND

Carol Singer's Success
During last week's sum of \$60
was raised for the church by the
carol singers, Mrs. Harvey, Mrs.
Elliot, Miss Scott, Miss Beryl Scott,
Miss Weatherall, De Rose, De-
not, Desmond Crofton and Butter-
field, who visited several of the
houses at Ganges and Vesuvius.

Home for Holidays

Vincent and Gordon East and Ken-
neth Halley arrived home for the
holidays last week from Shawigan

Recipe for Baked Premium Ham

Place in cold water, heat slowly
and simmer gently, allow thirty min-
utes to pound. Remove the rind, rub
it with brown sugar, pierce with
cloves, then bake one hour in a
moderate oven. Served warm it is
the height of meat-excellence and will
make the most delightful Christmas
and New Year dinner.

Lake School; Jack Ringwood has also arrived at Ganges from St. Ann's School, Duncan.

Christmas With Parents

Miss Green, Blizard arrived from
Victoria on Friday and has been
spending Christmas with her parents,
Mr. and Mrs. Blizard, of North Salt
Spring.

Arrives From Capital

Mrs. Tom Charlesworth, of Victo-
ria, arrived at Fulford on Satur-
day to spend Christmas with her
mother, Mrs. Price, at "Meadside,"
Salt Spring.

Visiting in Vancouver

The Rev. J. and Mrs. Studeley, of
Ganges, are spending a week or two
at Vancouver, where they are the
guests of Mrs. Studeley's sister until
after the New Year.

His Cousin's Guest

Mr. Kingston, of Salt Spring, has
been spending Christmas at Saanich,
the guest of his cousin, Mr. Bur-
bridge.

Leaves for Victoria

Miss Scott left by the Charnier last
Monday for Victoria, where she is the
guest for a day or two of Mrs. Croft,
"Mount Adelaide."

From Cariboo

Major Day arrived from the Carib-
boo on Saturday, and is the guest for
a few weeks of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil
Springford, of Ganges.

Football Club Dance

The football club will take place
at the Mahon Hall on Tuesday, Jan-
uary 2, when Hunt's orchestra will
be in attendance.

Arrives From Seattle

Miss G. Lang arrived recently
from Seattle and is on a two weeks'
visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs.
J. C. Lang, of North Salt Spring.

Returns to Ganges

Mr. Eric Springford returned to
Ganges on Saturday from the Cariboo,
where he has been since early last
summer.

Guest Returns Home

Mr. Ian Halley returned to Victo-
ria on Wednesday after a few days
spent on the island, where he was
the guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Smith.

Holidaying at Ganges

Mr. Pascal de Noe Walker arrived
by launch on Friday to spend his
Christmas holidays at Ganges.

Left for Victoria

Miss Gray and Miss Holt, of the
Ganges and Delta Schools, left on
Friday, for Victoria for their holi-
days.

Visits in Victoria

Miss Beryl Scott left for Victoria
on Tuesday. She will be the guest
for two days of Mr. and Mrs. F.
Pemberton.

Spends Christmas With Brother

Miss Cartwright has been spend-
ing Christmas with her brother, Mr.
Basil Cartwright, North Salt Spring.

Visiting in Victoria

Capt. Mitchell is visiting Victoria
for a few days.

Left for Victoria

Miss Doris Aitken left on Tuesday
for a few days' visit to Victoria.

COLWOOD

Christmas Guests
Mrs. and Miss Barr were among
the guests at a delightful little din-
ner given by Mr. and Mrs. Duncan
Allen on Christmas Day at their resi-
dence on Roseberry Avenue.

Visits Parents

Master Dick Rogers is spending
the vacation at Lost Lake with his
parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Rogers,
St. Michael's School, Victoria.

Guests for Holidays

Mr. Lideman, the former popular
teacher of the Highland School, is a
guest for the holidays with Mr. and
Mrs. Gregory.

In the "Highlander"

Miss Irene Wolf, a student at the
Victoria High School, is spending her
Christmas holidays in the "High-
lander."

JAMES ISLAND

Visiting Seattle
Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Thomas and
Miss I. Thomas are spending the
Christmas holidays in Seattle and are
guests at the Barker Hotel. They
expect to return home some time this
week.

Back From Holidays

Miss Muriel Lang, who has been
visiting her mother in Victoria for
several days, returned home on Mon-
day, accompanied by her mother,
who spent Christmas Day with her
sister, Mrs. J. Thompson.

Will Visit Vancouver

Mr. and Mrs. Dixon and two
children are visiting Mr. Dixon's par-
ents at Gabriola Island for the holi-
days. They intend to visit friends in
Vancouver for a few days before re-
turning home.

Home for Holidays

The Misses H. and R. Richards,
Miss L. Martin and Master J. Lyons,
who are attending school in Victoria,
are spending the holidays at their
respective homes.

Vancouver Visitors

Miss F. Rivers and Mr. V. Landvig,
of Vancouver, are spending several
days here visiting Mr. and Mrs. W.
Rivers.

In Saanich

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Gould and
daughter Jean spent the week-end
with Mr. and Mrs. Heston, of Saanich.

From North Saanich

Mr. and Mrs. J. Branson, of North
Saanich, have been visiting their
daughter, Mrs. H. Burrows, for the
past week.

Holidaying in Victoria

Miss M. Morrison, principal of the
village school, left here last Friday
to spend two weeks' holidays with
her parents in Victoria.

Visiting Nanaimo

Mr. and Mrs. T. Robb are visiting
Mrs. Robb's parents in Nanaimo for
the holidays. They were accompanied
by Mrs. Rowbottom, of
Victoria.

Visiting in Duncan

Mr. and Mrs. E. Rogers and son
Arnold are spending a few days in
Duncan, visiting relatives.

Are in Vancouver

Mr. and Mrs. J. Lynch and son
Alec and Mr. G. Chester spent several
days visiting friends in Vancouver.

Visiting Parents

Mr. and Mrs. W. Lake have been
visiting the latter's parents at
Brechin for the holidays.

In Victoria

Mr. and Mrs. Moore and daugh-
ter Daphne are visiting Mrs. Moore's
parents in Victoria.

Visited Victoria

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Holland spent
the Christmas holidays in Victoria.

Spent Time in Seattle

Mr. and Mrs. J. Malcom have been
spending several days in Seattle.

NANAIMO

Successful Whist Players

At the Christmas Eve whist drive
given by the Old Fellows, in which
one hundred players took part, the
following were successful: First, table
No. 17, Mrs. McCourt, Mrs. G. Jar-
dine, Mr. J. H. Cook, Mr. J. Stubbart;
second, table No. 24, Mrs. Bailey,
Mrs. Cavallary, Mr. Munro, Mr. J.
Gold; third, table No. 30, Mrs. Hig-
gins, Mr. Guinness, Mr. M. Horne,
Mr. A. Sharpe.

G. W. V. A. Entertains

The G. W. V. A. gave a pleasant
whist drive, followed by a dance, last
evening. The winners at cards were:
Ladies—First, Mrs. Horrocks; second,
Mrs. B. Hilton; third, Mrs. Hughes.
Gentlemen—First, Mr. T. Westwood;
second, Mr. T. Hamilton; third, Mr.
W. Patterson.

Prize Winners

At a whist drive under the auspices
of the Liberal-Conservative Associa-
tion last evening, the winners of
prizes were: Ladies—First, Mrs. R.
Little; second, Mrs. Dorricott; third,
Mrs. B. Humphrey. Gentlemen—
First, Mr. R. Robinson; second, Mr.
W. Thompson; third, Mr. W. Crooka.

Visit Mother

Dr. W. A. Neen, Victoria, and Mr.
Adam Neen, who is attending a
dental college in Portland, Ore., are
spending the holidays with their
mother, Mrs. Jacob Neen, Nicol
Street.

Lucky Number

In the P. O. D. E. drawing for the
Indian tray, ticket No. 409, held by
Miss J. Watson, was the winner. The
second prize, a basket, was won by
ticket No. 85, not yet claimed.

Holidaying at Northfield

The Misses Annie and Jean Rus-
sell, accompanied by Miss Dulcie
Jefferson, are over from Everett to
spend the holidays with their mother
at Northfield.

Arrives From Princeton

Miss Mabel McCourt is down from
Princeton, where she has been teach-
ing school, to spend the New Year's
holidays with her parents, Mr. and
Mrs. Samuel McCourt.

Visits Parents

Principals Woodcock, of the North
Vancouver School, is visiting his
parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. Woodcock,
Nicol Street.

With Relatives

Mr. and Mrs. John Shaw, Newcas-
tle Townsite, are in the Terminal
City, where they are visiting relatives
and friends.

Returns to Victoria

Miss Constance B. McGill returned
to Victoria yesterday after spending
Christmas with her parents, Mr. and
Mrs. J. P. B. McGill, Selby Street.

Come to Vancouver

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Lewis and
Miss Louise Caldwell are spending
the holiday in Vancouver, the guests of
Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Richardson.

Vancouver Visitors

Mr. and Mrs. A. Johnson, Vancou-
ver, are spending the holidays with
Mrs. Johnson's parents, Mr. and Mrs.
James Caldwell, Newcastle Townsite.

Returns Home

Mrs. Angus McKenzie, Knox Hill,
who has been spending the past few
days with relatives in Vancouver, re-
turned home last evening.

Visitors From Vancouver

Mr. and Mrs. A. Perkhurst, Vancou-
ver, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. S.
Coburn, Richards Street.

Spending Holidays

Mrs. John McMillan, Vancouver, is
in the city, spending the holidays
with relatives here.

With Relatives

Mr. A. Critchley, of the Royal Bank
staff, Vancouver, is visiting relatives
here during the holidays.

From Seattle

Mr. Noel Wenborn, of Seattle, is
in the city on a visit to his brother,
Mr. Roy Wenborn.

From Terminal City

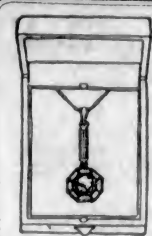
Mr. and Mrs. Elder, of Vancouver,
are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Dick, Ken-
nedy Street.

HISTORY ON CLIFFS

More than 3,000 years ago on the
face of a cliff in the Lebanon hills
Rameses II, king of Egypt, ordered
his stone carvers to carve a tablet
setting forth his conquest of the
land. The figures of the ancient
Egyptian ruler and his men still are
visible. A few feet away one may see,
carved in the same rock by a British
soldier, a record of the coming in
September, 1915, of Allenby, G.C.
R., commander of the allied forces in
Asia Minor. And the passage of the
centuries from B. C. 1500 to A. D.
1915 is recorded by various other
carvings in all not less than 15, each
describing the march of a victorious
army.

These carvings are cut about four
or five inches deep, from five to nine
feet high, and from two to four and
a half feet in width.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 28.—An oil
concession covering 11,000,000 acres
of land adjoining the fields of old-
established American companies in
the Tampico and Tuxpan districts
has been granted a Los Angeles ap-
plication by the Mexican Govern-
ment, according to a story published today
by The Los Angeles Times. The ap-
plicant announced it would go into
the Mexican field and operate under
Mexican Article 27, and with a pro-
vision that



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FORMER RESIDENT HAS UNIQUE WEDDING

Mr. Leslie Rowe and Mrs. Lillian Callaway Were Married in Birmingham, Ala.

Word has reached Victoria of the marriage of Mr. Leslie Rowe, of this city, the nuptials being solemnized on December 6 at a most interesting ceremony in Birmingham, Ala. At a meeting of the Rebekah Lodge, I.O.O.F., of that place held in the afternoon the president called the assembly to order and announced that a pleasant surprise awaited the members in the forthcoming marriage of one of the lodge's officers. The outside guardian, Mrs. Lillian Callaway, of Mobile, Ala., was to become the bride of Mr. Leslie Rowe, of Victoria, B. C. This romance had been budding for some years and arrangements had been made to have the ceremony quietly consummated at Birmingham, Ala., as they would meet there on August 2. However, when the assembly members found that one of their officers was to be married they insisted that they have an assembly wedding.

A peculiar incident was the fact that the matron of honor this time was Mrs. Callaway's bridesmaid some years ago when she was married.

Promptly at 3 p.m. the president again rapped for order, the graceful degree staff of Myrtle, No. 23, leading the way, their snow-white robes making a fitting background for the bride couple. They formed an arch with their wands. Mrs. Beale Evans presided at the piano and as the staff arched their wands the music changed softly to the Wedding March.

Rev. R. L. Dill, chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Alabama, I.O.O.F., entered leading the way to the altar at the president's station. He was followed by the best man and matron of honor, these positions being filled by Mr. August Burger, Mrs. May D. Brunson, P.E., both of Mobile, Ala. The bride couple followed and the grand chaplain made them man and wife, using the beautiful ring ceremony. The bride and matron of honor both wore white. The bride's bouquet was of white roses and fern, the matron's pink roses and fern. The assembly members presenting the flowers for the occasion.

After congratulations were extended Mr. F. M. Nielson, Ala., on behalf of the Grand Lodge and Rebekah State Assembly, of Alabama, presented to Mrs. Rowe a beautiful chest of silver. Both Mr. and Mrs. Rowe responded with thanks, after which the bride party retired.

OVER SIX HUNDRED CHILDREN INVITED

Various Ex-Servicemen Organizations Unite to Give Christmas Tree on Friday

Over six hundred children of ex-servicemen will be the guests of honor at an entertainment, tea and Christmas tree to be given in the Armories tomorrow afternoon and evening.

A joint committee representing Army and Navy Veterans, Grand Army of United Veterans, British Campaigners, Canadian Legion, Great War Veterans, Veterans of France and the ladies' auxiliaries of those organizations will be the hosts and have arranged for an excellent entertainment.

Those wishing to help in the making of the affair a complete success for the children are asked to donate cakes, jellies or fruits, and the ex-servicemen organizations will appreciate it if those wishing to assist in this way would notify Secretary Thorpe, of the Christmas tree committee, at the offices of the Canadian Legion, and have their contributions at the Armories by 5 o'clock Friday afternoon. The headquarters of the various committees are as follows: Purchasing committee, Veterans of France; entertainment committee, Veterans of France; decoration committee, Army and Navy Veterans in Canada; refreshment committee, Canadian Legion.

At 5 o'clock Friday the entertainment opens with games and music. This will be followed by tea at 4:30, and then follows the Christmas tree. The Boys' Naval Brigade band will play during the afternoon; Mr. Merryfield, conjurer, and "Frankie," the popular ventriloquist, will assist in the programme, and everything possible will be done to make the celebration enjoyable for the youngsters. There will be a community sing led

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by R. R. Webb, and Miss Thain will preside at the piano.

The purchasing committee which has in hand the supplying of gifts for the tree, wishes to thank the Victoria merchants for the courtesies and consideration extended. The decoration committee has plans for appropriately decorating the Armories for the occasion.

NEWSBOYS' CHRISTMAS FEAST LAST NIGHT

Friends Provide Supper and Entertainment at Strangers' Rest—Tree Holds Many Delights

A din of treble voices issued from the hall of the Strangers' Rest last evening, and people who took the trouble to peep in through the peep-spirings windows saw a scene of great excitement and enthusiasm. It was the Newsboys' second annual Christmas tree, given by the kind friends who are in the habit of giving them a weekly supper and Gospel meeting. About eighty-five boys, ranging in age from eight to sixteen years, packed the forms ranged about the room or moved about in groups as happy as they were noisy in the enjoyment of oranges and candies they had received from the Christmas tree. A majority of the boys had cards with gilded texts, but others, who had distinguished themselves during the year by punctuality, regular attendance and good behavior, received comfortable woolen mittens instead.

The proceedings began at half past six o'clock with a good supper of Wilkes' meat pie, all the bread and butter that the guests wanted, jelly, cake and gallons of cocoa. When these good things had been demolished the boys were ready for the programme and distribution of oranges and candies from the gaily decorated Christmas tree which filled a corner of the hall. This tree was the handiwork of Mr. Norman Maynard, Mr. Wilfred Woodward and Mr. John Thomson. Fifteen members of the Girls' Corner Club came to provide the musical features of the programme, leading in the singing of some of the hymns and community songs, and the Christmas tree providing the organ accompaniment.

Mr. George Stuart gave a brief address just before the entertainment came to an end, reminding the youthful audience of the sacred origin of the Christmas celebration and the manner in which the custom of gift-giving came about. The words of the closing hymn were thrown on the screen, and the boys sang with beautiful union the whole four verses. Three cheers for Mr. Stuart, Mr. Vao, Mr. Lamb, the visiting sisters, and all those who had helped to make the occasion such a happy one, brought the proceedings to an end.

BIG NEW YEAR EVE PLANNED BY ELKS

Sacred Concert and Supper to Be Followed Monday Morning by Dancing

Wherever the order of Elks is found elaborate preparations are made for the passing of the old year and the ushering in of the new. The local lodge in no exception to the general rule and a great deal of interest has been manifested of late among them. This is all explained by the preparations for New Year's Eve.

This celebration, which is a tradition in Elksdom and on which no energy is ever spared to make each succeeding one a memorable event, is closed to the public. This hospitable organization takes this one occasion a year for its own, and only Elks and their ladies are admitted. The proceedings will commence locally at 9 o'clock Sunday night with a sacred concert, followed by a turkey supper at 10:30, and at 12:01 Monday morning dancing will begin and will continue until 5 or 6 o'clock. The lodge officers are organizing as usual for this night.

Religious Troubles in the East As the Turkish national spirit increases, it is plain that the spiritual union of Islam is more and more threatened with disruption. The Hedjaz seized an attractive opportunity in the World War, when pride of race triumphed over any feelings of loyalty to a Sultan and Caliph at Constantinople. The breach which was deepened if Mohammed VII. becomes a Meccan. Within the shadow of the Kaaba he will be enabled to air his grievances against the Kemalists. His audience will be composed of traditional antagonists to Ottoman hegemony, who can hardly fail to enjoy the exquisite irony of providing a refuge for a disgruntled and repudiated ex-ruler from the Bosphorus.—Philadelphia Ledger.

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All Remaining Fur-Trimmed Suits at Half Price

Models of fine quality fabrics in such shades as navy, brown, fawn and henna, trimmed with opossum, beaver, caracul and seal. Suits which, for tailoring, quality of fabric and linings will meet the needs of the most exacting. Reduced to **\$19.75, \$37.50 and \$49.25**.

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The balance of our Knitted Wool Dresses in grey, white and black, brown and fawn and navy and fawn; all reduced to clear.

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22-Inch Extra Fine Quality Velveteen in shades of myrtle, Copenhagen, brown, dark grey, taupe, navy and black. Clearing at **\$1.45** a yard.

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27-Inch Better Grade Velveteen in shades of brown, navy, reseda, wine, myrtle and midnight blue. Clearing at **\$1.95** a yard.

22-Inch Velveteens in shades of Copenhagen, poppy, purple, brown, grey, sky, pink and white. Clearing at **75¢** a yard. Cord Velveteen, cut pile, in purple, royal, Copenhagen, myrtle, navy and black. Clearing at **85¢** a yard.

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TO CLEAR AT **\$1.95 A YARD**—A collection of silks, including taffetas, silk poplins, satins, silk crepes and shot taffeta silk. All reduced to **\$1.95** a yard.

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Clearing McIntock's Down Filled Comforters, full bed size, in blue, pink and green art colors. Reduced to **\$13.75** each.

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Full Bleached Sheetings of a fine even weave, 81 inches wide. To clear at **80¢** a yard.

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Irish Damask Table Cloths in floral and conventional designs. Size 66 x 83, clearing at **\$3.95** a yard.

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Brown Turkish Towels, exceptional value. Reduced to **20¢, 40¢, 50¢ and 65¢** each.

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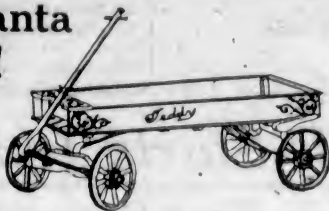
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STARS ARE PRACTISING FOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

Figure Skating Draws Patronage of Various Governors-General—Many Handsome Trophies Are Donated

(Written for the Canadian Press by Norman Albert)

TORONTO, Dec. 27.—For many years Canada has provided champion speed skaters. The success of Canadians in competing with the best from other countries, notably the United States, has been most remarkable. Such names as Fred Robson and Miss Gladys Robinson, in particular, will go down in the world's speed skating records.

Enthusiasm is now manifesting itself in quarters hitherto uninvolved. For many seasons knowledge of speed skating was learned only through the perseverance of youngsters on open air surfaces. When they showed exceptional speed they were generally taken in hand by a trainer and tested in a series of races. But times have changed. Today speed skating is being fostered by many individual amateur organizations. And most of the past Canadian athletes on the polished steel blades are devoting considerable time to coaching the future champions. Girls' clubs, as well as men's clubs, have been given stimulus. The well-known success of Miss Gladys Robinson, of Toronto, in attaining the title of the world's champion woman skater has proved an unprecedented stimulus among Canadian girls. Toronto alone has three large athletic clubs vying for the leading position.

All of the leading skaters in Canada are preparing for the coming championships in the United States. The leading men are Russell Wheeler, of Montreal; E. Gorman, St. John, N.B.; Eddie Glester, Toronto, and Emory Stevenson, Toronto. From Wheeler and Gorman much is expected. Three years ago Mike Goodman, of Winnipeg (the Peirle prize), was regarded as one of the best speedsters ever developed. But Goodman insisted on also playing hockey, and his speed skating was retarded. He was a member of the Winnipeg Falcons of 1919, world's hockey champions at the Olympics.

Miss Robinson's Tour
The itinerary prepared for Miss Gladys Robinson, the school of Canada's skating femininity, would make a traveling salesman jealous. The fair-haired speedster has been practicing in the United States for a month, in preparation for the skating championships listed in the States and Canada. Baill Gossard, her trainer and good skating partner, says Miss Robinson is in the best condition of her meteoric career. "Better than ever she was," is his statement. Last winter in defeating Elsie Muller, of New York, and Rene Johnson, of Chicago, besides others, and winning the silver skates derby and other championships, the Canadian girl made sporting history. She is not yet 23 years of age—and a world's champion.

Laurelton must be given Fred Robson, of Toronto, the grand old veteran of the game. Robson has put in 28 years of actual racing. Lou, Piper and Cody are three others of the old Canadian school of speed skating. Last winter, Robson returned and won the Ontario championship and hurdles at Ottawa and had two seconds. When he quit racing he held nine world's records and two Canadian skating records. They nearly all stand today. So many prizes has Robson won that he doesn't know their actual value or number off hand. He estimates his collection at about 150 medals and 150 trophies. When pinned onto his skating apparel he appears to be wearing a suit of armor. Robson is now coaching a recreation club which believes he has several girl skaters who are near champions.

Figure Skating Popular
Figure skating has always been popular in Canada. It has made even more remarkable strides than the speed variety, considering its limitations. Figure skating is now a special department of the Amateur Skating Association of Canada, in affiliation with the International Skating Union of Europe. The Minto Skating Club, of Ottawa, the Winter Club, of Montreal, and the Rensselaire Skating Club, of Toronto, are the largest, with smaller clubs in Hamilton, Winnipeg, Calgary and Vancouver.

Every Governor-General of Canada has been personally interested in figure skating. It has been a picturesque feature of entertainments at Government House, Ottawa. Among members of viceregal households who have become accomplished figure

skaters is Lady Rachel Cavendish, daughter of the Duke of Devonshire. With a view to encouraging and developing figure skating by the four past Governors-General of Canada have presented trophies. The Earl and Countess Minto presented the Minto Cup, emblematic of Canada's figure skating championship. The Duke of Devonshire presented the Devonshire Trophy for the champion women skater of Canada. Another cup is called the Minto Challenge Cup, for pairs. For skating in fours, Earl Gray offered the Earl Gray Challenge Trophy.

And it remained for the Duke of Connaught (brother of the late King Edward VII of England) to offer an international trophy open to any figure skating team of four, consisting of two ladies and two gentlemen. The New York Skating Club sent a team of four accomplished skaters to Ottawa to compete for the Connaught Cup in 1921. With many distinguished visitors as spectators, the Connaught Cup was won by the Winter Club, of Montreal. The New York team was second, and the Minto Club of Ottawa ranked third.

New Toronto Hink
The Minto, Gray, Connaught and Devonshire cups, emblematic of championships in different classes, are now all held by Montreal or Ottawa skaters. Incidentally, the Toronto Skating Club is the only association in the world devoted exclusively to figure skating, that has an artificial ice surface of its own. A beautiful clubhouse and a large rink with necessary equipment were completed at a cost of \$25,000, the amount being raised by subscription from the members. In two weeks the necessary capital was over-subscribed. For five months of the year, from November 1 to April 1, the Toronto Skating Club members may indulge in their favorite recreation. And it is predicted that at a not far distant date Toronto is likely to assume the leading role in Canada's figure skating. With the finest institution of its kind at the members' disposal there is no reason why constant practice on the artificial ice should not make title winners.

As instructor, in an effort to make a bid for the viceregal trophies, the Toronto Skating Club has engaged O. B. Haycock, of Ottawa, former figure skating champion of Canada. The assistant instructor is Ferdinand Chittie, former instructor of the Minto Skating Club, Ottawa. Special attention is being given to children. For it is among the rising generation that champions must be sought. The club devotes its activities exclusively to figure skating in the international style, and beginners are always taught to glide away on the "school figures," which are the sound basis of the sport.

EVIDENCE OF FAKE MUST BE SCARCE

BOXING COMMISSIONER'S NOVEL METHODS TO OBTAIN SAME

Mutes Asked to Read Lips of Rival Boxers' Managers in the Moving Pictures

PARIS, Dec. 27.—In the hope that they might be able to bring through the silence of lip reading to interpret the words spoken by the managers of Georges Carpentier and Battling Siki when the moving pictures of the fight showed Descamps, acting for Carpentier, conversing animatedly in Siki's corner with the manager of the foreigner at critical phase of the battle, the commission which is investigating the fight showed the pictures to two different mutes today. The commission has declined to give the result of their experiment, but it was asserted by them that it was successful.

HARGRAVE TO PLAY GOWARD IN FINAL

Following are the results of play in the semi-final round of the Victoria Golf Club's club championship and first and second flights.

Championship Flight
J. S. Hargrave won from New Patterson, 3 and 2.

A. T. Goward won from A. S. G. McEwren, 3 and 1.

First Flight
A. H. Ford won from Capt. Westmoreland, 3 and 1.

R. W. Gibson won from R. H. R. Ker, 5 and 4.

Second Flight
H. H. Shandley won from F. A. MacCallum, 2 and 1.

J. B. Bowker won from A. G. Deasley, 3 and 4.

SPORTING NEWS

PACIFICS AND SHELLS TIE FOR FIRST PLACE

Transfer Players Shut Out Other Senior Amateur Sextette at Arena—Colonists Jump Into Leadership of Commercial League by Victory Over Weilers—Hudson's Bays Win From Eagles

Large Number of Fans Witness Pond Contests

Senior Amateur League—Pacifica, 2; Shells, 0.
Commercial League—Colonists, 4; Weilers, 1. Hudson's Bay, 5; Eagles, 4.

BEFORE the largest number of railbirds that have watched the games in the Senior and Commercial Hockey Leagues in Victoria, the Pacifics last night handed the Shells a decisive trimming by the score of two goals to nil, and incidentally jumped into the joint leadership of the Senior Division with the Shells as their companions, both teams now having won, lost and drawn a game, each having three points to its credit. The Colonist hockeyists vended their way into the premier berth in the Commercial section by handing Weiler's a stiff licking, the final score reading four to one in favor of the fourth estate representatives, while the Hudson's Bays, in a closely contested fixture, bested the Eagles and slipped into second place, being now tied with Weilers.

The evening hockey here received a distinct stimulus last night when a big crowd of fans turned out to see three evening engagements and took an active part in the performance by their continuous rooting for their favorite sextettes. Some good hockey was seen during the evening, the contest between the Pacifics and the Shells being productive of the most finished and cleanest play.

Are Now On Even Terms
There was great interest manifest in the battle in the Senior League between the Pacifics and the Shells, as these teams had met twice before, the result of their first meeting being a win for the Shells, while last week the two squads fought through an overtime period, the Pacifics effecting a 1-1 tie. The Shells thus far had the better of the fights in which these two clubs have been the participants, but last night the Pacifics were in wonderful form, and permitted their opponents to realize the fact before the game had become very old.

Combination was the thing which gave the Pacifics their victory, as well as the phenomenal goaltending of Harry Stuart, their goalie. Stuart was superbly well prepared by the energetic Shell forwards who did not let the rain in the fast and slow ones in Stuart's direction. The latter, however, was equal to every emergency and kept a big hand for his splendid performance. Time after time it appeared as though the Shells would notch a few tallies, but Stuart was probably the greatest of their obstacles.

The Pacifics played well as a team, and did not mind passing the puck rapidly from one end to the other. The style of play, which very often is responsible for clubs losing games which they might otherwise have gained, was registered almost before the Shells had a chance to net. Forty-nine seconds from the face-off, Stewart took a neat pass from Ross Miller and bulged the cage which Strath was guarding.

The Opening Session
The first period play was pretty evenly divided, both clubs engineering fast and effective rushes, while the ice gods did all their share of the hard checking which featured the encounter. The Pacifics had the edge on the second session, outskating and outplaying their opponents the greater part of the time. It was in this period that the winners punished their second tally, John Wickson, on a pass from Miller, shooting the disc into the Shells' net. There was no score in the final frame, as both teams did their best in an effort to enter the scoring department in this session.

The Pacifics defense was particularly strong, Wickson and George giving Stuart great assistance. Ross Miller played a consistent game, while the other forwards worked hard. Alex Stuart had some difficulty in handling the Shells' net, and he gave a good account of himself. Matthews and Temple were the pick of the forwards, while English and Copas, especially in the opening period, were going in whirlwind style.

The Shells-Pacific contest was handled by Glen Lough, who was in great form. The Pacifics had a goal, that the goal umpire had put up his hand, indicating that a goal had not been scored, and then the referee had awarded the Bays a goal. The goal umpire had indicated that a goal had not been scored, and then the referee had awarded the Bays a goal.

Goal Summary
First period—1, Pacific, Hewer, from Miller, 49 sec.
Second period—2, Pacific, Wickson, from Miller, 2:47.
Third period—None.

Penalties
First period—None.
Second period—Temple, Shells, 3 minutes; Copas, Shells, 3 minutes.

Colonists Traveled Fast
From the minute that the fast-traveling Colonist puckchaser stepped on the pad, the Weiler's crew felt that things were going to be very uncomfortable for the local furniture folk. The newspaper boys started at a speedy clip, and they never relaxed their efforts until the match had come to a successful conclusion. It is quite true that Weiler's held the morning journal's sextette on even terms during the first period, but when that fifteen minutes had elapsed the Weiler squad never had a look in.

The Colonists laid fully deserved hard, McEwren and MacCallum being playing, and under the management of Bill McAllister they were in form

SATURDAY'S SOCCER

Soccer games for Saturday of this week are as follows:
Senior Division
Metropolis vs. Sons of Canada, at Central Park; referee, Stokes.
Wests vs. Thistles, at Royal Athletic Park; referee, Payne.
Crusaders vs. Sons of England, at Beacon Hill; referee, Ockwell.

Junior Division
Beauchamp Thistles vs. Wests, at Beacon Hill upper ground; referee, Lock.
Oaklands vs. High School, at Victoria West Park; referee, Oliver.

were only a few minutes remaining. The Eagles were unable to obtain the goal which would send the game into an overtime session.

The addition of Jacklin on the Bays' line-up helped the winners not a little. Ford was in great fettle and scored three of the Bays' goals. Brydon-Jack and Simpson were very effective, while Richardson in goal blocked a number of shots which looked like certain tallies. Dudley Fitzsimmons and McDonald were the most brilliant stars on the Eagles' club.

The teams were as follows:
Hudson's Bays
Richardson, Goal; Gravin, Defence; Lamsden, Defence; Brydon-Jack, Forward; Fitzsimmons, Jacklin, Forward; Dudley Simpson, Forward; McDonald, Wande, Reserve; Crowley Smith, Reserve; Pinchback Ford, Reserve.

Goal Summary
First Period—1, Eagles, Fitzsimmons, from McDonald, 7:18; 2, Hudson's Bay, Simpson, 1:32; 3, Hudson's Bay, Ford, 1:44; 4, Hudson's Bay, Smith, 1:15.
Second Period—5, Hudson's Bay, Ford, 1:14; 6, Eagles, Fitzsimmons, from McDonald, 1:57; 7, Hudson's Bays, Ford, 1:08.

Third Period—3, Eagles, McDonald, 1:30; 2, Eagles, McDonald, 9:05.

BAYS WILL PLAY ROWING CLUB XV

V.I.A.A. Waive the Right to Decide Tie for the Honor of Playing for Rounsefel Cup on Mainland

REP TEAM WILL MEET 'VARSITY NEXT WEEK

J.B.A.A. Intermediates Will Tackle Students' Second Fifteen—Canadian Scottish Play Wanderers Saturday

One Barnard Cup rugby game is to be played here this Saturday, the Wanderers and Canadian Scottish being scheduled to meet on the Oak Bay grounds, being due to take the trip to Vancouver to play the Rounsefel Cup for the club championship of the Province. The recent snowfall has made it difficult for the local union to find dates for all its annual fixtures, and the chief event available for the playing of the Rounsefel Cup game, and although present time with the Bays for the V.I.A.A. agreed that the Bays should make the trip. It is conceded that the J.B.A.A. fifteen has shown that it is the class of local senior rugby, and the V.I.A.A. in making this concession, have shown good sportsmanship, although they might have insisted on the right to meet the Bays again before the game was played in Vancouver. At their first meeting the Bays and V.I.A.A. played a draw, but subsequently in a Cowichan trophy match the Bays won an overwhelming victory.

The New Year's Day match which was planned between Melinaud and the Islanders not being able to get away over the holiday.

Saturday of next week will see the Varsity students over here for their annual invasion, and the chief event will be the McKelchie Cup match between the Varsity fifteen and Victoria's "rep" team. On the same day the Varsity second team will play the J.B.A.A. Intermediates.

English Cricketer Plays Fine Innings Against the Africans

JOHANNESBURG, Dec. 26.—The South African eleven, at the close of the second day's play in the test match with the touring Marylebone Cricket Club team, are in a very favorable position as a result of a brilliant innings by Captain Taylor. He was unbeaten at the close of play with 121 runs to his credit, completed in three hours and thirty minutes. As far as he has hit fifteen fours. The South Africans retired for 145 in their first innings, the Englishmen replying with 132.

The match was played in fine weather before 13,000 spectators.

McDougall Will Manage Scottish Curlers' Tour

PORT ARTHUR, Dec. 27.—Nell McDougall, sportsman's representative of the Canadian National Hockey way, has been appointed manager of the Canadian tour of the Scottish curlers who will arrive in Canada in January.

The tourists will exhibit their talent in Quebec, Montreal, Ottawa, Kingston, Peterboro, Toronto and Eastern cities. They start their tour at Port Arthur and conclude at Winnipeg.

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BAYS DEFEATED BY SINGLE GOAL

Weilers Had Hard Time Maintaining Their Place in Wednesday Soccer League Fixture, Scoring But Once

FITZ'S BEAT TOMMIES BY TWO TO NOTHING

League Standing Shows the Teams Are Fairly Closely Bunched—Two Games Arranged for New Year's Day

Yesterday's Wednesday League soccer games were won by Weilers and Fitz's. Weilers, who were playing the Bays, emerged victorious by a 1-0 score, while Fitz's defeated the Tommies from Work Point with just double the score of the other game. Both games were fairly well patronized and the crowd of soccer displayed by the teams is a sure sign of the growing popularity of the league.

The Weilers-Bays game was rather slow in the first half but in the second half things seemed to get a little livelier and both net custodians were given some good shots to clear. The only goal of the game was scored when the game was young, by the Weiler eleven, when Livingstone beat the Bays' goalie for the only tally of the day. With the score 1-0, against them the Bays tried to stage a rally, but they found the opposing defense too strong and when the final whistle sounded they had to admit defeat. Newman, playing back for the winners, had the misfortune to meet with an accident early in the game, and this caused his retirement, leaving Weilers with only ten men.

A Fast Game

The other game, between Fitz's and the Garrison, was fast all the way, and the good work by Jasper guard-netter, who was the chief reason for his team's victory. From the start these teams hit a good pace, which they kept up for the whole ninety minutes. With the game in progress about twenty minutes, Sharcott put his team one up when he beat the Garrison goalie with a well-placed shot just under the crossbar, leaving the net custodian helpless to save. For the remainder of this half the ball traveled from one end of the field with the other with both goalies doing good work, and when the whistle sounded for half time the score was 1-0 in favor of the eventual winners.

Upon the resumption of play the Tommie took the ball down to their opponents' end of the field and gave Fitz's defense quite a warm time preventing the opposition forwards from netting the ball, but the Tommies found the opponents' defense too strong and scoring impossible. The play now veered to the other end of the field with the Garrison end, and only sensational goal tending by Elm between the sticks for the Tommies prevented the opposition forwards from netting the ball, but the Tommies found the opponents' defense too strong and scoring impossible. The play now veered to the other end of the field with the Garrison end, and only sensational goal tending by Elm between the sticks for the Tommies prevented the opposition forwards from netting the ball, but the Tommies found the opponents' defense too strong and scoring impossible. 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COURTENAY CHILDREN SHOW FINE TALENT

Gaiety Theatre is Filled With Appreciative Audience of Parents and Friends of Courtenay Scholars

COURTENAY, Dec. 27.—Last night the Gaiety Theatre the pupils of Courtenay Public School entertained their parents and friends with a programme of musical, dramatic and recitation selections that surpassed any previous attempt on the part of young Courtenay and their teachers. The theatre was crowded to the doors by an audience that thoroughly enjoyed every item on the long and varied programme and appreciated the efforts that must have been put forth by Principal William Stubbs and the Misses Hildebrand, Douglas, Carroll and Ault of the teaching staff.

The spirit of the festive season was apparent throughout the whole evening and the juvenile actors gave the audience no chance to forget that they were spreaders of good cheer.

The programme, "One Christmas Eve," was enacted with a vivacity that created much favorable comment, the street scene being particularly pleasing.

Act one was entitled "Holland," the features consisting of skating and folk dances by a group of the children. Act two, "The Old Man Next Door," portrayed Mrs. Nickelsby's garden, the acting in this play being of an extraordinarily high order.

The principals were: Miss Beatrice (Cathpole as Mrs. Nickelsby); Miss Nellie Taylor as Kate Nickelsby; Master Harold Tull as the Old Man; and Master Jack McPherson as attendant.

Part two of the programme consisted of a series of cleverly acted scenes from "The Toy Maker," among those taking part being: Master Sidney Williams, Aubrey Haines and the Misses May Moncrieff, Honor Fether and Master Cameron McPherson. The Western Soldiers' Regiment, was particularly good, the major, Master Willis Marston, showing his entertaining qualities strongly. Four Teddy Bears, to the role of Indian, played by Dick Ireland.

Trustee Holloway made a few remarks, congratulating the teachers on the manner in which the exercises had been staged, and explained that the purpose of the same was to comply with the School Act to have a public examination before the parents.

After "The King" had been sung, a vote of thanks was accorded Miss Heap, the principal; Miss Hole and the children, for the excellent evening. Refreshments were then served by the children and dancing concluded the evening's entertainment.

Trustee to Teacher
On Friday morning, at the closing of the Royal Oak School, which the generously laden Christmas tree proved one long delight to the children, Miss Heap was presented by Margaret Campbell, on behalf of the trustees, with a certificate of appreciation for her services to the school.

Miss Heap, who was taken by surprise, thanked the children for their kindly thought, and whilst expressing her regret at having to leave them in the middle of a term, yet the same loyalty to their teacher as had been shown to herself.

A memorial containing the signatures of every child in the school, from the senior child to the youngest in the kindergarten, was sent to the Royal Oak Women's Institute thanking them for the generous donation of oranges, apples and candies.

DIES AT KAMLOOPS
KANAMOO HARBOR, Dec. 26.—The death occurred, from pneumonia, on the 15th inst., at the Old Man's Home, Kamloops, of Mr. Walter J. Dukes, who was until a year ago, when he was taken to Kamloops, a resident of Salt Spring for forty-five years. The late Mr. Dukes was about 75 years of age. He leaves two brothers, one in England and one in Kamloops; also a widow and two step-children, who are at Kamloops.

RAISE \$33,849 FOR TERREBONNE SUFFERERS
MONTREAL, Dec. 27.—A total of \$33,849 has been collected today by the relief committee of Montreal and District for the relief of the sufferers from the recent fire at Terrebonne.

CHRISTMAS WEDDING
NANAIMO, Dec. 27.—A very pretty wedding was solemnized in the Methodist Church, Extension, on Christmas Day, when the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sherwood, Extension, became the bride of Mr. Fred Gibbons, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gibbons, Ladysmith.

The bride looked charming in a pretty dress of white satin with radium lace and the regulation orange blossom veil, and carried a beautiful bouquet of pink carnations and roses. Miss Clara Hildebrand, of Ladysmith, the bridesmaid, wore a pretty pink satin dress, with velvet hat to match, and carried a bouquet of carnations. Miss Rita Thompson was the flower girl, and was gown in white satin. The groom was supported by Mr. J. Sherwood, a brother of the bride. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. P. R. Kelly.

The church was tastefully decorated with evergreens and chrysanthemums. During the signing of the register, Mrs. Thompson sang "Be-cause."

Following the ceremony eight guests sat down to a bounteous dinner in the recreation hall. The table was laden with good things and decorated with a profusion of flowers. Mr. and Mrs. Gibbons, who are very popular in the district, were the recipients of many beautiful wedding gifts. The honeymoon is being spent in Round Bay.

NANAIMO NEWS NOTES
NANAIMO, Dec. 27.—Members of the Chase River Sunday School are rejoicing over the gift of an organ and stool, which has been presented to them by the North Vancouver Methodist Church, Vancouver. The gift will fill a much-felt need and will greatly add to the musical part of the services. It has been decided that the organ will be dedicated on Wednesday, January 3, 1923, when an organ recital and concert will be given.

A concert given in the Nanaimo Bay School Monday evening by the children was a success in every way, each number reflecting great credit on the teachers, Miss A. Wright, Miss M. Jackson and Miss Blanche Tull, for their untiring efforts in training the children to such perfection, which was appreciated by the large number of parents and others present. During the evening, Mr. George Moore, secretary of the Board of School

Trustees, declared the new addition to the school formally opened, after which those present inspected the new buildings and expressed themselves as highly pleased at such a fine commodious school that now exists in Nanaimo Bay School District.

HIGHLANDS SCHOLARS ENTERTAIN GUESTS
LANGFORD, Dec. 27.—The Highlands usual Christmas party was held last Thursday in the school-house, the parents and friends of the little pupils being present. A delicious tea, with candy and fruit, was enjoyed by all. The prettily-laden Christmas tree was the great attraction and Miss Connie Jago was called upon to distribute the gifts to the pupils and also one to the teacher, Miss May.

Great regret was felt at the enforced absence of Molly Gregory, through illness, the senior scholar of the school.

ROYAL OAK CHILDREN ENTERTAIN PARENTS
Christmas Exercises at District School Reveal Unusual Talent in Youthful Artists

Trustee Oldfield presided at Royal Oak School Christmas exercises, at the Royal Oak Hall before a large and enthusiastic audience.

With a general theme of "Nations," the parents were treated to one of the best concerts in the history of the school and showed marked appreciation.

The most popular feature was the dialogue by Evelyn Brooks and Margaret Campbell, the dancing by Carol Stone, Margaret Robert, and Charlie Raven, the recitation by Isabel Thorne, the monologue by Susie Perrie, and the school songs.

Costume Dancing
The nations of the world were represented, each child wearing distinctive costumes, with Dagner Farber representing Miss Britannia, to the role of Indian, played by Dick Ireland.

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SANTA CLAUS VISITS COURTENAY SCHOLARS
COURTENAY, Dec. 26.—Friday evening last Santa Claus came to the Presbyterian Church and distributed gifts to the scholars. He was represented by Ald. Fred Kerton and the little ones surely enjoyed his presence. The entertainment, held in the church, was an enjoyable one and was witnessed by an audience that filled every seat in the building.

MASQUERADE BALL SCORES BIG SUCCESS
The masquerade held Christmas night in the St. John Ambulance Hall was a success from every standpoint, the attendance being large, the costumes good and the music by the Novelty Five being the subject of most favorable comment.

The prize winners were as follows: Best dressed lady, Mrs. T. Allen; best dressed gentleman, Mr. Fred Dodd; best national character, Mrs. J. Patterson; best original character, Miss Marsello; best cumb flower girl, Mrs. John Beattie; best character representing proper merchant, Mr. Jack Rogers; best comic lady and gentleman, Mrs. Tombey and Mr. Travers.

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BECOMES SCHOOL CITY OF PREMIER CLASS

Nanaimo's Roll of Public Scholars Passes One Thousand Mark—Board Will Be Increased

NANAIMO, Dec. 27.—At the regular weekly meeting of the City Council last evening a communication was received from Mr. S. J. Willis, Superintendent of Education, Victoria, stating that as the average actual attendance of the pupils attending the schools of the city of Nanaimo exceeds one thousand, it will be necessary to transfer it from the status of a city of the second class to that of a city of the first class on January 1, 1923. It was further stated that under the new rating the School Act calls for a School Board of seven members instead of five, which at present constitutes the local board.

Ald. McDougle moved that the letter be referred to the School Trustees, as he understood that they were taking steps to try and have the decision of the Education Department changed. They will be asked to deal with the matter this week, and report back to the council at the next meeting.

A cheque for \$4,196.15 was received from the Deputy Minister of Finance, representing Nanaimo's share of the part-mutual tax for the year 1922.

The Public Library By-Law was taken up in committee. During the discussion it was explained that when the by-law is submitted to the ratepayers on January 11, they shall vote whether or not there shall be a municipally-owned library. If the vote is favorable, it will be up to the council to appoint members of a board of management, who will bring in their estimates for the amount of money needed for the year. It will then be up to the council to grant the amount offered, and down the estimates, or, in fact, do as they please in the matter.

SCHOOL CLOSINGS AT SALT SPRING ISLAND
Formerly House Has Annual Prize Giving—Pupils of Public School Entertain Parents and Friends

GANOESE HARBOR, Dec. 26.—Formerly House School held its annual prize giving last week. Owing to the inclemency of the weather the large number of parents and friends invited were unable to be present.

After a few appropriate remarks by the headmaster, A. K. N. Ozenham, B.A., Oxon., the prizes were presented by the Vicar of Salt Spring Island, the Rev. Collins, who afterwards addressed a few words to the boys. The following is a list of prizes and donors:

Scripture, presented by the vicar, L. Jenkins; history, presented by Mrs. R. G. Ozenham, L. Jenkins; arithmetic, presented by Mrs. Smart, B. Clarke, minor; diction, presented by Mr. P. Brine; writing, presented by Mr. H. W. Bullock, Ganges, C. Cooper; composition, special prize presented by Mr. R. G. Ozenham, L. Jenkins; Spanish Armada, L. Jenkins; French, presented by Mrs. Blackburn, Ganges, B. Clarke, minor; Latin, presented by Mr. H. W. Bullock, L. Jenkins; general improvement, presented by Mr. W. E. Scott, Jack Smart; conduct, presented by Mrs. Price, "Marsello"; J. Clarke, major; swimming cup, presented annually for boy obtaining most marks in the school swimming sports, by Mrs. R. G. Ozenham, of Exeter, Devon, J. Clarke, major.

Ganges Public School
There was a large attendance of children, parents and friends on Thursday evening, at the Mahon Hall, Ganges, when the pupils of the Ganges Public School carried out in a very satisfactory manner the programme, under the direction of their teacher, Miss Gray, given for their annual Christmas entertainment. The stage was prettily decorated with Christmas trees. Each item on the following programme well deserved the applause it received. The programme was as follows:

Chorus—"Merry Christmas"
Recitation—"Greetings," Cyril Beach
Song—"Babes in the Wood"
Nancy Elliot, Gordon and Ray Parsons
Canadian Fairy Tale—School Piano solo—Oliver Mount
Song—"Jolly Old St. Nicholas"
Nancy Elliot, Gordon and Ray Parsons
Recitation—"If You're Good"
Humi Laaska
Dialogue—"Trouble in Santa Claus Land"—Eight of the School
Recitation—"What I Want"—Donovan Crofton
Chorus—"Now"
After the concert Santa Claus (Mr. Kingston) distributed presents, candies, etc., to the children. Refreshments were then served, and dancing started, which was continued till 11 o'clock; Messrs. A. Elliot, Fred Allen and J. Lund supplying the music. After expenses were paid the sum of \$15 was cleared for the school piano fund.

TEST OF RUBBER LATEX
Invention is Being Tried Out by English and American Manufacturers

The use of rubber latex in paper manufacturing, the invention of Mr. Frederick Kaye, is being tried commercially in the United States as well as in England. A Washington dispatch states that at the request of the Bureau of Foreign Domestic Commerce, the Bureau of Standards is making an investigation of the effect of adding rubber latex to paper, that a supply of the latex has been obtained, and paper machine runs are being made with sulphate pulp and with a mixture of soda and sulphite pulp.

Tests are being made with and without the use of rubber latex, and it is planned to determine the effect of the material on various qualities of paper, and to determine whether the strength qualities are increased.

Window Cleaner Killed
VANCOUVER, Dec. 27.—Crashing from a window on the second floor of the Castle Hotel on Tuesday afternoon, a Chinese boy, employed at the hotel, sustained injuries which resulted in his death. No one witnessed the tragedy. It is said the man had been sent a few minutes previously to clean windows on the second floor.

The fastest mile recorded in a motorcycle race was in 31.94 seconds.

After the Feasts and Excitements of Christmas, then comes ENO'S

Christmas is the festival of happiness. But it brings a departure from our regular habits of diet. It is a time of over-indulgence—sometimes for the old—for the young invariably! ENO'S is so indispensable in the household round Christmas time, that those who know ENO'S would not be without its guardianship.

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London News and Gossip

By E. Montizambert

Almost every day one hears of some new instance of the kindly welcome that is meted out to the stranger in London. The latest example is the action of the Forum Club, which is offering a fortnight's honorary membership to members of the Women's Canadian Club visiting England. The scheme was originated by Lady Margaret Bosworth, who has just returned to England after a summer spent in touring Canada with the Excellencies the Governor-General and Lady Byng of Vimy. The matter was submitted to the committee of the Forum Club a short time ago, and the invitation has now gone out to Canada, the committee expressing in their letter of invitation their keen desire that this scheme will prove a means of strengthening the friendship between the women of Canada and those of England.

Tue II. Celebrations
I am sorry to think that I shall be out of town on the night of the great Tue II. birthday party, which is to take place on the 13th of December. The festivities, that last year took place in the evening, when they began with a service at St. Martin's in the Fields and ended with a huge reception honored by the presence of the Duke of York, at Grosvenor House, are this year to begin earlier in the day.

With that unfailing instinct for ceremonial possessed to such a high degree by Englishmen, the Padie of Tue II. has been a charming procession at the Guildhall, when three delegates from each of the branches of Tue II. will go in turn to the platform, carrying a lamp, a banner and a petition. They will be presented by Lord Salisbury to the Prince of Wales, who will light the lamps, replicas of the old Christmas candles, one of which has been presented to the society by the Prince in memory of his friends who fell in the war. The fifty delegates, some of whom come from Canada, will group themselves on the platform.

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to be able to put out a flame by singing a song with musical notes of the right vibration. The theory that the human voice cannot produce more than four thousand sound vibrations a second, while ten times that number may be produced with the aid of different pieces of metal, so that a gas flame may be extinguished by drawing a bow across the metal, is one that ought to revolutionize the industry of fire lighting. Science is certainly an enemy to the spectacular, and if Mr. Kellogg's system is adopted it will cause good deal of heart burning among the pompiers of Paris and the London firemen, whose meteoric career through the street is one of the chief alleviations in the drab life of the London errand boy.

Books and Bookmakers
I see that a new book of Georgian verse has just been issued. It is some years since I came across the early collections of these charming anthologies of the works of modern poets of the Georgian era. The present volume is the fifth, and though I have not yet had time to read it, the list of names in the index connotes its excellence.

I have only just learned that the mysterious initials E. M. of the compiler stand for the name of Mr. Eddie Marsh, who was Mr. Winston Churchill's secretary throughout the war, and who I believe is still retained at that office. These collections of Georgian poetry form one of the most delightful ways for Canadians to make themselves acquainted with the work of the younger poets of today. They include poems by most of the better known among the younger men, such as Messrs. J. C. Squire, John Drinkwater, Walter de la Mare, Laurence Binyon, Gordon Bottomley, Edward Shanks, James Elroy Flecker, Rupert Brooke, Massfield, James Stephens, Ralph Hodgson, etc.

It was through these books of Georgian poetry that Mr. Fellow was first induced to reveal his identity to the public. He had published in a daily paper an anonymous poem called "The Temple," of such beauty that everyone was asking who had written it. Mr. Marsh, in the first edition of the fourth Book of Georgian Poetry, stated frankly that he had printed "The Temple" without the permission of the writer, whom he had tried in vain to trace, and that he could only ask him to accept his admiration as an equal. Having said as much I think I had better quote the poem.

Between the erect and solemn trees I will go down upon my knees; I shall not find this day So meet a place to pray.

Happily the beauty of this place May work in me an answering grace.

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The stillness of the air Be echoed in my prayer.

The worshipping trees arise and run With never a swerve, towards the sun; So may my soul's desire Turn to its central fire.

With single aim they seek the light, And scarce a twig in all their height Breaks out until the head In glory is outspread.

How strong each pillar'd trunk; the bark That covers them, how smooth; and hard The sweet and gentle voice With which the leaves rejoice!

May a like strength and sweetness fill Desire, and thought, and steadfast will, With I remember them Fair sacramental trees.

RADIO ENTHUSIASTS ARE ASKED TO MEET
Gathering to Be Held Tomorrow Evening in Vancouver Island Radio Club's Rooms.

All radio enthusiasts who were present at the meeting of spark amateurs and broadcast listeners, which was held November 23, are urgently requested to be present at the meeting to be held tomorrow. The meeting will be held in the club-rooms of the Vancouver Island Radio Club, on the Pacific Salvage Co.'s wharf, at 8 p.m.

At the last meeting, after a great deal of discussion, it was decided to reserve the hours between 7 and 10 p.m. free from amateur spark interference every night except Monday and Wednesday. On the former evening the broadcast listeners have been given from 6 to 10 p.m., and on Wednesday from 8 to 10 only.

It was decided to give this plan a month's trial, consequently the meeting on Friday evening next will be held to determine whether or not the plan is satisfactory.

Victim of Accident Had Been Drinking Bay Rum
TORONTO, Dec. 27.—Struck by a motor car and hurled under a street car, Samuel Macgill, 48, was so badly injured that he died shortly afterwards.

John Fatta, the motorist, is being held by the police, also a woman who was with Macgill at the time and is said to have admitted that the victim had been drinking bay rum.

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EXCHANGE BLOWS IN CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES

Ushers Step in to Stop Hot Fight Following Lively Altercation on French Budget

PARIS, Dec. 27.—During the discussion of the provisional credits in the Chamber of Deputies today, a lively altercation arose between Prince Murat and M. Antoine Borrel, Radical, whose party Prince Murat accused in violent terms of being responsible for the delay of the budget, thus necessitating extra expenditure.

The two men nearly came to blows on the floor of the House, and ushers had to separate them. Prince Murat and M. Borrel then left the chamber by opposite doors but soon met in the lobby and resumed their quarrel.

Ushers Intervene
The Socialist deputy, M. Evard, who is of large size, placed himself so near to the Prince that the latter asked him what he was doing there. M. Evard replied that he had come to defend his threatened colleague, whereupon Prince Murat landed on him with his fist. M. Evard returned the compliment, but the deputies and ushers intervened again. It was expected that a duel might follow, but Prince Murat later this evening said he considered the incident closed.

That Stage Embrace

By St. John Irvine

I estimate that I witness the performance of one hundred and fifty plays every year. I estimate that there are no fewer than three embraces in each play. I may reasonably estimate, therefore, that in the course of twelve months I see half a thousand hugs on the stage.

I do not object to the spectacle, although it has lost its novelty for me. Embracing is a thing commonly prettified by humanity, and a dramatist cannot afford to ignore it, either artistically or commercially.

But I wish that it were possible for our actors to embrace our actresses without the necessity of a transference of powder on their coats in the process. Something like 75.7 per cent of the embracing is done when the gentleman is wearing evening clothes, and the powder is painfully apparent on these dark garments.

If the pale patch were small, in an one could not fairly complain, but it is not small.

I have seen a gentleman embracing a lady in the course of a play and then, when the powder is gone as if he had spent an improving hour in a flour mill.

The front of his coat, his sleeves, and even his trousers, are covered with powder; and I find my eyes watching the white patches for the rest of the time he is on the stage.

I came to listen to the play while I wonder whether he knows that the powder is there or whether he will furiously slap his arms and chest in an effort to remove it.

I wonder whether when he walks "up stage" to look at the moonlight shining in the old garden he will casually pick up a brush and give himself a good rub before he returns "down stage" to tell the lady that all is over and that they must go out into the night and never embrace again.

I worry myself with the thought that perhaps the actress has rubbed her powder on to the actor's coat with the intention of spoiling his performance, and that perhaps there will be a scene of recrimination "off stage" in the course of which more than powder will fly.

But I am told that this is not always so, and indeed this is obvious for all the heroines cannot have a grievance against all the heroes. There is only one thing to be done, I suppose, and that is to eliminate the "make-up."

A law must be passed at once forbidding any actor to embrace an actress during the performance of a play while he is wearing evening clothes or a blue suit.

Dramatists must be told that any embracing that is to be done must be done while the hero is wearing full fours or a grey striped lounge suit. Powder is not so perceptible on such materials.

It will then be possible for the members of the audience to watch the play without irrelevant distractions.

Virgil as Laureate

By birth, by education, by temperament, Virgil stands out from all other Augustan poets as the destined laureate of Augustus and his policy. He expresses that policy with unerring tact and felicity, but transcends it, as the work of the great poet must always transcend that of the statesman.

Virgil was a country boy. We catch glimpses of him amid the luxuriant salons of the capital, but as the inspired rustic, timid, silent, "et esse. He remained to the last, as Macrobias tells us, a Venetian of peasant parentage, reared amid the forests and the underbrush. But by virtue of this very simplicity he could and did enter into complete sympathy with the Italian policy of Augustus. This policy found in the Italian countryside, with its unending toil, its simple faith, its hardy virtues, the symbol of all that was best in the Italian patrimony, which the statesman would have the rising generation, just on the threshold of a new world, claim as its birthright.

Never has a poet given higher expression to that more poignant and simpler aspect of patriotism which finds its sustenance from the very breast of the land that bore it, and broods upon the austere face of the mother of men. The Georgics are the final expression of the hold of the Italian country upon the soul of her people, upon the souls of all those pilgrims who have looked upward from the rivers and valleys of Italy toward her immortal towns upon their hills:

adsit ut egregias urbes operumque laborum; tot congesta manu praeruptis oppida saxis; fuminae antiquae subter labantur murae.

In the Aeneid Virgil has given us an epic which is at once historical, Augustan, religious and supremely human. The Aeneid is an historical epic because in a very real sense its subject is the greatness of Rome.

—George Converse Fiske, in "University of Wisconsin Studies."

Dealers in Drugs Adopt Many Ruses in Trade



Customs Officials at Brooklyn, N.Y., Have Seized \$750,000 Worth of Drugs Shipped From Spain in Fish Barrels. One of the Fifteen Cans Containing Narcotics Concealed in the Barrels Seized.

Tremendous Force of Written Word

When the British coalition fell a short time ago it was expected that Lloyd George would suffer little loss of importance with his loss of power. The election, returning but fifty-nine of his supporters, shook this expectation a little, but those who believed in the genius of the Welsh statesman have been fully justified during the last several days. By a method which has surprised even his supporters, Lloyd George has sprung overnight from the technical position of a secondary leader in the House of Commons to the very centre of the world of world politics. Poincare and Clemenceau and the British Ministry are discussing his remarks on the European situation. The world is listening to what they have to say, and waiting impatiently for Lloyd George's response. And this situation has come about because a former Premier has taken hold of the biggest weapon at hand—publicity—and used it directly and fearlessly.

Such action is new in Great Britain or the United States. The power of the newspaper in these countries has long been incontestable, but statesmen have used it in a timid or a decorative fashion. Newspapers have brought men to office—Daniel, Hitchcock, Harding, Cox and Capper represent their power to some extent. Editors or publishers, like Greely in 1872 and Hearst to our own day, have missed political success narrowly. Roosevelt and Taft and Bryan have taken to print, but always the relation between the newspaper man and the politician has been a rather tame affair, hedged by reticences and conventions and sheer clumsiness.

Theoretically, of course, such a condition has been ridiculous. A statesman speaking in a hall or a legislative chamber speaks to hundreds of thousands. A statesman speaking through a newspaper or a chain of newspapers speaks directly to millions. Spoken word reaches the public second-hand. Written word reaches it directly. That any politician should cultivate the first and neglect the second seems on dispassionate consideration incredible. In continental Europe men have been relatively successful in this. Clemenceau worked back through journalism from disgrace to power. Poincare presides over French policy today largely because of his use of a newspaper. Mussolini, who controls Italy, launched his revolutionary programme as an editor. If Lloyd George succeeds in what he now seems to be about he will achieve more unofficially than many a statesman has achieved in office. He will create a new and powerful weapon for himself—a weapon which none of his adversaries will have the intelligence to use for some time. Far more important, he will affect the very nature of political relationships in Great Britain and the United States. People and politicians move confusedly and at cross purposes today. Large constituencies have made representation blurred and hazardous. The man who, as a politician or statesman, learns to use newspapers directly should achieve a relationship as the people in its way as those of a town meeting—a relationship never needed so much as now, when life and death of nations hangs on the issue of governments.—New York Globe.

Knut Hamsun's Humor

Hamsun's humor is all-pervasive; it is the yeast that lightens his loaf. When Albert Engstrom, the Swedish humorist, studied an appreciation of Hamsun by saying, "And finally I love you for the gleam in your left eye," he found an apt expression for the personality that shines through Hamsun's works. His wit has less of wit than of comically, less of the laugh than the smile with a gleam in his eye; and he is as ready to smile at his own intensities as at the weaknesses of humanity. His flights of fancy are tempered with irony, his real reverence with a playfulness that often takes the guise of implied reverence. He loves the far-fung paradox and the sudden transition of thought by which he astonishes his readers.

The quality of unexpectedness in his thought is well illustrated in the style he has evolved for himself. This style was fully developed when Hamsun made his first appearance as an author, a fact which adds interest to Hamsun's opinion that the dash and brilliance of "Hunger" was due to American influence. Certainly Hamsun has never improved upon this style, and it may even be questioned whether his manner with the light satirical touch, the prevalence of interjections and sentences consisting sometimes of a single word, has not in some of his later works hardened into a mannerism that results in a slight weariness of repetition. Taken as a whole, however, Hamsun has been a man of renaissance to Northern literature. It has the naturalness of the spoken word,

following blithely the quips and cracks, the thought that give zest to conversation but are usually forgotten before they reach print. The result is a light whimsicality, a comeliness which Hamsun cultivates with subtle and conscious art, until he attains a sparkle and vivacity, an ease and flexibility never before known in the language of his country.

As the literary artist Hamsun gives us apples of gold in pictures of silver, and the metal for both is entirely of his own forging.—Hans Astrup Larsen, in "Knut Hamsun."

Not So Insignificant After All
Many people regard Central America in the light of Henry's description in "Cabbages and Kings" as little nations of superheated steam and politics, whose maps show unpronounceable names running 300 miles out to sea. They are actually countries of great potential wealth, with a combined area four times New York's and a population equal to Australia's.—New York Evening Post.

Nearly two-thirds of the 4,000,000 acres in cultivation in Colorado is devoted to fruit trees.

Singing, Snails, Fish

Queer tales of queer animals are told by Mr. W. B. Burridge with great effect in his new book, "Animal Curiosities," which is illustrated with 40 photographs from life. As the small season has now begun, it is interesting to be informed that the authority of Mr. Cameron (on the authority of Mr. Cameron) that "In the South Cotawold country the demand for snails is so great that their market price is invariably displayed outside the provision shops in the Gloucestershire town of Wotton-under-Edge, while another authority tells us that 100,000 edible snails are consumed every year in London alone, the creatures being largely used for the purpose of giving a glaze to pastry and as a thickening to soup."

But we have not in this country snails that can play tunes, though a species is stated to exist in the Sandwich Islands "that has the peculiar power of being able to sing, and the creatures being largely used by one writer to those produced by 'hundreds of Aeolian harps.'"

Mr. H. C. Finn remarked of "Pill-grim's Progress," some of the statements in Mr. Burridge's entertaining book are "interesting but distinctly foolish." Though Homer talked of "the dumb fishes," it is a delusion that fish are voiceless.

"The American bow-fish is able to produce bell-like notes, while the fish emits a grunting or growling noise, for which reason it is frequently called the 'sea-duck.' The horse mackerel or scad emits a noise that resembles the grunting of a hog. The jewfish, found in the Gulf of Mexico, is reported to utter a booming sound, and some of the blennies are able to utter a cry that has been likened unto a shriek."

Of creatures that are useful to man, the glow-worm deserves honorable mention. They feed upon slugs and snails, and for this reason are very beneficial to agriculturists. They are not worms, however, but beetles. It will surprise most people to learn that the glow-worm is a dangerous frog. But Mr. Burridge says: "Barking frogs (found in America) have the name for being of a very savage disposition, attacking a person who molests them with great ferocity, and hanging on to their toes with the grip of a bulldog."

"Among the very fiercest wild creatures in the world are the 'Indian wild dogs, notwithstanding that they are very inferior in size and strength, are greatly feared by all other wild beasts, even such formidable creatures as bears, tigers, boars, and the enormous wild ox holding them in dread.'—H. W."

BRIGADIER-GENERAL AMONG OUT-OF-WORKS

At the London Bankruptcy Court recently the public examination was conducted of Brigadier-General Edward Allan Wood, who won the D.S.O. four times between 1917 and 1918.

His statement of affairs showed liabilities of £2,050 and assets nil. He was adjudged bankrupt in May, 1921. The adjudication was afterwards annulled. He joined the army as a private in 1892, and later obtained a commission in the South African Constabulary. He was transferred to the Reserve in 1913 with the rank of major. During the European war he served in France. He was demobilized in 1919 with the rank of brigadier-general. He served in the Royal Irish Constabulary from October, 1920, until last January. He had been since without occupation.

He attributed his insolvency to heavy interest borrowed money and to inability to get work.

Years ago a damaged knee joint laid me up for a long period. I underwent several operations, I tried massage and electricity, but nothing helped. Many doctors and a number of health resorts.

Among the latter was Drottwich, where I spent a month, and where, in spite of somewhat depressing weather, the damaged leg definitely improved, but only to revert to its former weakness after I had left the brine town.

Two years later, when I at last discovered the doctor who cured me, I asked him the reason of this temporary improvement.

"Did you swim?" he asked. "I told him that I had taken a swim every day in the brine bath."

"Then if you had swum, he answered, 'and if you had swum, you would have been completely cured. It was muscular exercise which you required as much as anything, and swimming is the one form of exercise which provides this without the necessity of putting weight upon the injured limb.'"

Old-Time Housewife

By C. A. Dawson Scott

In Elizabethan days the Autumn was the busiest time of the year for the housewife, she being responsible for the Winter stores.

The ordinary middle-class housewife had behind it shade in which, as with farms today, much of the work was done; but if the house were in a town, cellars and attics were the store-rooms.

The former contained large barrels and a quantity of salt and saltpetre, and had a stone or brick floor, the system of which was insured by runnels to carry off any spillings from the work of "salting in."

Agile catch of fish in those days meant that the housewife could buy a quantity and bestow it in layers, salt and fish, salt and fish, in the big barrel which had in readiness, until the barrel was full and after a final generous layer of salt, could be fastened down and left till the household needed it.

As soon as there was an "r" in the month pigs were killed and salted, as well as salt used in the curing.

Nor were pigs the only large animals thus treated. The farmer had not enough Winter feed for all his stock, and consequently sheep and bullocks had to be turned into meat and either dry-salted or impregnated in brine.

Even birds were killed and salted, and many farms in Devon were held on leases which included the payment of some sort of Winter fare. Autumn being the time for fruit-gathering, the housewife of those days had her apple chamber, generally in the attic, in readiness for that little but important harvest. The shelves were lined with boxes of herbs and "traces" of onions. There, after wiping them, she set out her rows of apples and pears, and stored her beans and dried plums.

Nuts were a different matter. I have thought that perhaps chestnuts were so called because they were stored away in big wooden chests, but it is a seldom a derivation is so simple.

Any nuts, the other nuts were buried in a heap of fish—fine dry ash—in the cellar.

All fruit had to be dry when stored or it would not keep, so the apples and pears were hung in the house and were stripped off their husks and hods before being laid on the dry, gritty ash, alternate layers of nuts and ash until the heap was waist high.

Of fruit that the housewife could not store she made jams and jellies and sweets and for this reason, used honey, the result being that her preserves had a wonderful flavor. Nowadays the factory has undertaken this work she did, and her elderberry cordial and probably bought at the little shop round the corner. The woman has time for the "pumpkin" and dancing and theatres. I wonder if she is the happier for her leisure?—London Daily Mail.

SWIMMING TO HEALTH

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I have never forgotten his remark, and now that I have been crippled for a second time by a similar but more severe accident, I am experimenting with the swimming cure, and although it is only a week since I started it there are definite results already.

When you are forced to lie flat in bed for weeks on end with a fractured leg, not even massage can give the muscles the stimulation they are going utterly flabby. And walking in crutches will never bring those muscles back. If the thigh muscles are weak the strain on the knee joint and ankle is naturally the more severe.

So the first thing to do is to get back the power of the thigh muscles, for this there is no other exercise to match swimming.

You can kick out as hard as you like, and that without pain and with no risk of damage. You soon find the muscles strengthening and their strength returning. Adhesions are

broken down and the joints become more supple.

More than that, the mere fact of being able to take strong exercise restores the spirits and confidence of a cripple, and so does the mental as well as physical good.

Happily there are several places in this country where warm swimming baths are available. Drottwich is one. Bath another. At Bath the hot springs well up at a temperature of 121 degrees, and the swimming bath itself is at 82 degrees. So even on the chilliest Autumn day swimming there is a pleasure.—T.O., in Daily Mail.

Lives Wrecked by Gossip

By "One Who Has Lived" in The London Daily Mail

If only gossip realized the evil that they do! Would it deter them? I wonder.

The love of gossip is so deeply engrained in human nature that nothing less than a miracle would kill it. People more than things interest the majority. The most stirring events may be taking place in the outside world. But they fade into insignificance if there is a piece of spicy local gossip going on.

"Have you heard?" "Do you know?" A mysterious whisper and the damage is done.

Women are supposed to be the worst offenders. Almost every woman is a born gossip. She does not do it in little-tell. She does not do it to hear a good story which she can pass on. Her imagination gets to work. She remembers things or invents them. When she recalls the tale she has added a little color to it.

But many men are quite as bad. You can hear in men's clubs gossip as slenderous and venomous as any that passes from woman's mouth. The purveyor usually takes care to protect himself. "I have heard so-and-so from a reliable source," he does; but he does not tell the source.

There are certain men who set themselves out always to hear "the latest" news, the latest scandal, and are never so happy as when they have a fresh titbit of gossip with which to regale their listeners. They will distort the simplest incident or give it a sinister significance.

Not that the gossips are always malicious and malignant. More often they are thoughtless and light-hearted. They start a story out of fun or from personal vanity and the deeds to be regarded as well-informed.

How many lives have been wrecked by gossip! It is impossible to say. Constantly in the law courts one gets glimpses of the havoc wrought. But for every case made public ten never see the light of day.

There are rumours that are hard or impossible to refute. And even the successful refutation in a court of law often leaves the victim under a cloud.

"There is no smoke without fire," people say.

To bring an action, whether successful or unsuccessful, may involve the prosecutor in ruinous costs. It may happen that the defendant is a person of straw and his injured ones to pay the costs of litigation.

A man may have to stand his trial for any crime from murder down to a petty offence, and he is absolutely free of costs except the cost of that he has got himself talked about.

A woman may have her reputation torn to shreds and never have a chance of vindicating it through gossip.

"Done to death by slenderous tongues."

BORN ON DEVIL'S DRIVES

Once in every twelve years the Chinese residents in the little city of Kuching in the island of Borneo, exert themselves strenuously in a devil drive.

The devil driving is a beautiful affair in magnificent dresses and designs for the devils are hunted by a great procession of floats carrying beautiful dressed young girls, loaded with gold ornaments and jewels.

Other floats are adorned with vicious-looking paper dragons. Scattered are men carrying all banners with threatening words written upon them to frighten the devils. But the Chinese do not endeavor to triumph over the evil spirits alone. Here and there throughout the procession walk men with baskets laden with the things the Chinese consider the best to eat. The baskets also contain bottles of brandy and ask to slake the demon's thirst.

The Capital Levy
We are assured by the Socialist organ that a capital levy is a practicable proposition—that "the Prime Minister knows it, the Millionaire Press knows it, and the profiteers know it." Well, no doubt, it is practicable in the same sense that a proposal to dam the Thames at Westminster Bridge would be practicable. The engineers could do it, but if they did they would swamp not only rich Westminster but poor Lambeth at the same time, and that is the trouble with the capital levy. It is a simple thing to ruin Capitalists, but it cannot be done without ruining industry and all who earn their daily bread. Bad, therefore, is the only fit place for those who advocate it.—London Daily Telegraph.

The newest tractor is on stilts and loads itself with lumber by straddling the pile.

Dumas, the French novelist, worked in collaboration with other writers.

Everywhere
The Tobacco
with a heart

Better than a hotwater bottle—a cup of Hot Bovril

Looking for a Clue

By G. T. Crook

In each of two houses recently burgled was found a partially eaten pear. Both pears bore identically the same teeth marks. Even to an amateur detective those marks would provide important clues, one of which might well be that the criminal was a fruitarian.

A clue is the first thing the experienced detective looks for when a crime has been committed. A clue is a line of inquiry which may lead to the apprehension and conviction of the criminal.

Finger prints are the best clues because they are infallible evidence. A few weeks ago a burglar left his finger impressions on a champagne bottle which he had emptied while "at work" in a country house. Within a few hours he was in a prison cell.

Of course the man who carelessly left one of his fingers on the reeling of a house he broke into was simply "looking" for trouble—and he got it.

The most insignificant objects and incidents sometimes provide the most important clues. That is why detective make minute and accurate notes of all they see, conduct exhaustive searches, and closely question anybody likely to assist them.

Two or three years ago a chief inspector from Scotland Yard was deputed to investigate a mysterious murder, a few miles from London. When he arrived on the scene he was amazed to find that the county police had allowed all traces of the crime to be removed.

The Home Office authorities have emphasized the importance of details. One case they quote is that of Millson and Fowler, who murdered an old man at Muswell Hill. Their guilt was established by the finding of a tiny piece of flannel which the men had used as a wick in their lantern.

A search among some rubbish in a house at Leytonstone resulted in the discovery of a visiting card, which was the sole avenue by which the police obtained information that Edgar Edwards had murdered a man and his wife and child at Camberwell.

The murder of Lady White in a London hotel was a most baffling problem, and it was possible that Jacoby would never have been arrested if he had told the truth about a trivial incident in his life. It was because he told a lie that the police became suspicious, and later he admitted the lie and confessed the murder. Some criminals are very careless. One of the most extraordinary instances relates to a man named Macrae, who years ago murdered a woman in Northampton, but off her body he placed her body in a sack, and threw it into a ditch in Althorp.

His brother's name was inside the sack.—London Daily Mail.

DON'T THINK AT BRIDGE

"We all have experience of the partner who is always thinking, and usually with fatal results," says Mr. Foster in one of his interesting contributions to The Daily Mail. "At the end of the hand he explains why he took a certain course."

"I thought," he begins.

"Which reminds me of the peppery colonel who turned on his partner: 'You thought, you thought! Who the devil asked you to think? You are here to play the game, sir, not to think!'"

"Now, of course, the advice 'never think' must not be taken too literally.

The Law of Laughter
But many a Frenchman makes an honest living by laughing at himself, at his neighbors, and at his government. Indeed, the best laughter, like the best wine, comes from France. That, indeed, is why we believe in the Entente; both partners have a keen sense of humor. An enduring alliance, like a happy marriage, must be cemented with laughter.—London Morning Post.

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The Colonist's Pictorial Page



Once every year, just before Christmas, some of Detroit's most prominent men appear on the streets selling papers for the Old Newsboys' Christmas Fund. These men are members of the Old Newsboys' Association, composed of those who once sold papers on the streets, and they attempt each year to see that no child in Detroit is without a cheerful Christmas. Governor Groesbeck of Michigan (right), though he had been ill and was advised not to go, took his old corner and sold papers as he did many years ago. —Detroit News Photo.



An old-time Toronto fire engine being used to pump water out of the tug, T. J. Clark, which sank at the Yonge street dock.



The shoebill is a new African bird at the London, England, zoo.



Robert M. Hutchins has been appointed secretary of Yale University at the age of 23. He graduated in 1921.



Countess Irene Di Robilant, daughter of the commander of the 4th Italian army in the great war, who herself served as an ambulance driver. She spoke recently in Washington at the conference on "public opinion and world peace."



Spring styles in hats. Left, one large flower placed high gives an unusual line to this hat. Right, turned up brim of milan straw with flowers and leaves as trimming.



Herr Kermes, who remains as minister of finance in the new German cabinet.



Mrs. Mina Van Winkle of the women's bureau of Washington is going abroad to study foreign police methods. She has been invited by Lady Astor to address several meetings in England.



Mr. Tim Healy, K.C., first governor-general of the Irish Free State, being filmed in his own garden at "Chapelized," Dublin, while chatting to a national army warrant officer.



Dick Turpin Inn. Haunt of the highwayman at Eltham has been closed and will be replaced with a modern inn.



The Knights of Columbus are distributing thousands of pairs of socks in forty New York hospitals for holiday cheer.



Mussolini and two black-shirted attendants photographed during his recent visit to London, England.



Earl Carroll, a New York impresario, is wearing black soft collars these days. He says it's a change.



Gladys Cooper, who before her marriage to Captain Buckmaster was one of the most popular English actresses, has secured a divorce from her husband.



And still they make marks in Germany. One corner of one of the printing presses.

Marine and Transportation

CUNARD VISITS HAWAIIAN ISLANDS

GLOBE-CRUISE LACONIA CALLED AT HILO AND HONOLULU

Passengers Delighted With Charms of Volcanic Isles—Vessel Now En Route to Yokohama

A cable from Captain Brown announcing the departure of the Cunarder Laconia from Honolulu for Yokohama, on the American Express Cruise around the world, says that all the passengers are well and that all are enjoying the cruise immensely. The tourists were delighted with the many charms of beautiful Hawaii.

The Laconia's first stop in the Pacific was at Hilo on the island of Hawaii, of which it is the seaport. It is picturesquely situated on the eastern side of the island, and contains a population of about 10,000. The glimpses of primitive life which may be obtained in driving or walking about the island are most fascinating.

Like all the islands in the group Hawaii is of volcanic origin. It rises from the sea in three great volcanic peaks, with a maximum elevation in Mauna Kea of 13,825, the highest point in the Pacific.

Kilauea, the "house of everlasting fire," is a great pit on the south-eastern slope of Mauna Kea, at an elevation of 4,000 feet. The active crater is one of the greatest natural wonders in the world. Its circumference measures nearly eight miles. The lake of fire in the center, with its waves dashing against its sides in molten breakers, is from 15 to 20 acres in extent. An automobile road leads up to the brink. The sight at night is wonderful, the lava being red hot.

Worship Volcano

The volcano is regarded by Hawaiians with great veneration, as the throne of the Goddess Pele. Eruptions are a sign of her anger, and her terrified worshippers endeavor by prayer and incantations to appease her wrath by bringing into the burning waves things precious to themselves, thus seeking to stay the destructive lava floods.

Honolulu, two hundred miles distant, and the home of the now world-renowned ukulele, was the second stop. It is a very beautiful city on the island of Oahu. Diamond Head, an extinct volcano, topped like a crouching lion, marks the eastern approach to the bay upon which the city lies. Waikiki, Honolulu's famous seaside resort, with its beautiful backing of palms and algerobes, is a bathing place for the tourists. The bathing costumes and beach sports fairly stunned them. Specially beautiful were many of the Hawaiians, Portuguese, Spanish, Filipino, Chinese and Japanese girls. Mixing the blood here seems to add to the charm of the people. Honolulu has a population of 55,000.

From the far end of Hawaii to the most distant part of Niihau, in the Hawaiian group, is a distance of approximately 300 miles. There are eight important islands. Hawaii, the largest, is over 125 miles long, and measures about 10,000 square miles.

Reported Second Ship For Australian Route Confused With First

VANCOUVER, Dec. 27.—No confirmation of the reports published last Saturday have been received at local offices regarding the construction of a sister ship for the Canadian-Australian Line, of the large motor passenger liner which at the present time is under construction at the Fairfield yards at Glasgow. The report from Victoria is supposed to be a misrepresentation of the talk about the contract for this vessel. The announcement of this contract was made by Mr. C. Holdsworth, manager of the Union Steamship Co., of New Zealand, on his visit here in October 20. It is understood that the company has no plans to extend the passenger fleet on the Australian run beyond what is under construction, as even this addition to the fleet now is in excess of the trade.

Washington Fisheries Board Confident Fish Pact Will Be Reached

OLYMPIA, Wash., Dec. 27.—Though no agreement can be effected with Canada to limit fishing for sockeye salmon next year, the State Fisheries Board is confident that a new plan will be put into effect before 1924. Canadian authorities seem willing to agree to stop all sockeye salmon fishing during even numbered years for a period, and then open the even years and close fishing on odd numbered years. This plan, it is urged, would gradually permit the Fraser River run to be restored, or in any event would greatly improve the situation. The proposed regulation would not affect other varieties of salmon.

In the meantime the Washington board is rapidly building up a good run of humpbacks, and within another blizzard or two is believed a satisfactory run of these fish will be guaranteed in Puget Sound waters.

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4087 THE PACIFIC

New Canadians Flocking Home for Christmas



Prosperous Settlers From the Western Provinces Who Sailed From Halifax in December on the White Star Dominion Liner to Spend Christmas in England. Freddy Wiggins, an 11-Year-Old Saskatchewan Boy, Who Left on the Regina, Accompanied, to Spend the Holidays With His Grandmother in Birmingham.

MASTER RUNS INTO OLD FRIENDS HERE

CAPT. GEORGE A. FLYNN BACK AFTER FIVE YEARS

Skipper Widely Known for War Exploits—Commander of Tyndareus When Steamer Hit Mine

Capt. George A. Flynn, master of the Achilles, held an informal reception in his cabin aboard the crack liner to spend Christmas in England. He was good to meet old friends here for the first time yesterday. Making his first trip to Victoria in five years, he was almost bewildered to find how many old friends were at the dock to meet him. Names were lost to the skipper at times, although he was never at a loss for faces.

"It's good to meet old friends again," declared Capt. Flynn, as he shook hands again and again. As master of the Tyndareus and numerous other vessels in years gone by, the commander of the Achilles is a well-known figure in British Columbia and Puget Sound ports. He was brought up in Seattle, where his father, himself a sea captain, had settled on retiring from the Holt Line service, and first went to sea from this coast. He was with the Oania in transpacific service a score of years ago and subsequently with Blue Funnel steamers on all routes. During the war he made himself famous by sinking a German submarine in the Mediterranean when in command of the Antiochus, and later by saving the troops from the then new vessel was mined off the coast of South Africa. For these fine deeds he was decorated with the D.R.O.

In command of the Tyndareus, carrying Col. Ward's "navy" battalion to Singapore, the ship struck a mine 90 miles off Cape Town. A hole 47 feet long and 19 feet wide was torn in her side. All hands were placed in boats and lifeboats, excepting some of the crew and the ship's officers. Examination of the hull showed her watertight bulkheads holding, and it was decided she would float. The battalion was called back on board and the ship headed for port, stern first, drawing 47 feet of water and 19 feet aft, exactly the dimensions of the hole in her side. Not a man was lost.

SHIPPING INFORMATION

6 P.M. Weather, December 27
 Estevan—Rain; southeast; fresh; 29.20; 59; sea rough.
 Point Grey—Rain; southeast; light; 29.27; 46; sea smooth.
 Cape Lazo—Overcast; strong; southeast; 29.32; 42; sea rough.
 Alert Bay—Overcast; calm; 29.46; 50; sea smooth.
 Osoyoos—Rain; calm; 29.54; 46; sea smooth.
 Dead Tree Point—Overcast; calm; 29.13; 36; sea smooth.
 Bull Harbor—Overcast; southeast; light; 29.18; 48; heavy swell.
 Prince Rupert—Rain; calm; 28.98; 35; sea smooth.

Steamer Movements

VICTORIA, Dec. 27.—Arrived: Makura, Vancouver, Achilles, Orient. Sailed: Makura, Sydney; Achilles, Seattle.
 VANCOURVER, Dec. 27.—Sailed: Chattanooga City, United Kingdom. Sailed: Rainier, San Pedro; motorship Kennebec, Seattle.
 TACOMA, Dec. 27.—Arrived: Rainier, San Pedro; Alameda, Alaska ports; Commercial, Trader, Atlantic ports; Admiral Sabre, California ports; Santa Malta, Philadelphia; motorship Annam, European ports. Sailed: Rainier, San Francisco; Amur, British Columbia ports, via Seattle.
 SEATTLE, Dec. 27.—Arrived: LA Brea, Richmond; George Allen, San Francisco; Nome City, San Francisco; Makawell, St. Helena; Sailed: Floridan, Tacoma; Robert Luckenbach, Tacoma; Spokane, Southeastern, Alaska; Santa Malta, Tacoma; W. B. Miller, Richmond; Alameda, Tacoma; Stanley Dollar, Vancouver; West Coast, Grays Harbor; Nome City, Port Angeles; Rainier, Tacoma.
 BELLINGHAM, Dec. 27.—Arrived: Admiral Schley, Everett; Fulton, Everett; Sailed: Admiral Schley, Anacortes; Fulton, Vancouver.
 PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 27.—Arrived: Edward Pierce, New York. Sailed: Admiral Farragut, San Francisco.
 SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 27.—Arrived: Willamette, Everett; Sailed: Matania, Honolulu; Birmingham City, London.
 BALTIMORE, Dec. 27.—Felix Taussig, Seattle.

AVIATORS LOCATE WRECK OF VESSEL

BEHELD TO BE TUG CORNELL, MISSING SEVEN DAYS

Airmen Dispatched to Find Craft When Other Means of Search Fail—Blackened Hull Found

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 27.—Sighting of wreckage of a boat today by two aviators of the airlines which were sent out by the Government, afloat here to assist in the search for some trace of the tug Cornell, missing since last Thursday, marine men declared tonight might clear the mystery surrounding the disappearance of the vessel.

The pilots, C. E. Johnson and E. M. Allison, reported that they had seen what appeared to be the hull of a ship about 75 feet long, five miles east of Erie and half a mile from shore. H. B. Shaver, superintendent of the Air Mail Field, announced tonight that the aviators had located the wreckage. Although the wreckage was not seen clearly, the aviators said there was no ice on the water. The boat appeared to them to have been burned.

Their one thought, the aviators said, was that it might be an old derelict, or a ship which had been blown ashore by a storm. They would dispatch tug boats to search the vicinity where the wreckage was reported to have been seen.

FOUR VESSELS TAKE SHELTER IN STRAITS

Southeasterly Gale Raging at Sixty Miles an Hour Scares Coastwise Shipping

SEATTLE, Dec. 27.—With a southeasterly gale raging from forty to sixty miles an hour over the Pacific Ocean, four vessels were tonight reported delayed inside the Strait of Juan de Fuca.

The steamship Forest King, towing the barkentine Forest Dream, both laden with lumber, was forced back for the third successive day. Monday Captain William A. Magee, commander of the steamship, put to sea from the Strait, but found the tow unworkable. Yesterday he tried it again, but returned to security at Neah Bay. Tonight he is proceeding to Port Angeles, after having gone to sea once more, to have his cargo lashings bettered.

At Neah Bay tonight were the barkentine William F. Herrin and the steam schooner San Diego.

CLUE TO WRECK FOUND

PRINCE RUPERT, Dec. 27.—Captain Hansen, of the fishing boat Iria, reported today to United States Consul W. K. McKelvie the finding of a buoy log near Indian Harbor, Bank's Island, with the name written in blue pencil of Ole Rasmussen, one of the crew of the lost fishing boat Convention.

MOTORSHIP DAMAGED

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 27.—The motorship Muscota, plying between Everett, Wash., and Gympie, N.S.W., has arrived at Wilson's Promontory, damaged by a collision today by the Marina Department of the Chamber of Commerce. No details were given in the message.

ONTRIC GOES UNDER

The wrecked British steamer Ontrio has disappeared into the sea, according to reports from Ryan Rock, south of Punta Arena, where she went ashore a few weeks ago. The vessel had been advertised for sale "as is" and where "after being abandoned by her owners.

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TURBINE STILL SOMETHING OF A DARK HORSE

But Captain is Satisfied to Stay in Command for the Rest of His Life

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Three cabin travelers arrived on the ship on this voyage, Major A. M. Thompson, of Singapore, disembarking here en route to Vancouver. Between sixty and seventy Chinese also landed here. A little cargo came on the vessel for Victoria, taking about two hours in discharging. The vessel left for Seattle at 2:30 this morning, her departure being delayed from this port so that she would not reach Seattle before daylight.

Combined British-Dutch Service to Europe Now Consists of Ten Vessels

The combined Royal Mail Steam Packet and Holland America Line fleet engaged in service between this coast and Europe consists of ten vessels at the present time. The next of the ten to reach these waters will be the Loch Katrine, which reached San Francisco on Monday and will come North on completing discharging cargo at the Golden Gate. The Cathlamet, according to Findlay, Durham & Brodie's reports this week, is about due at Liverpool, having sailed from the canal for the Mersey on December 11. The Dinteldyk reached Rotterdam on December 17. The Bemdyk has shifted from Vancouver to Astoria, and is loading on the Columbia for Southampton, London and continental ports. The Highland Heather sailed from Liverpool December 20 for the Pacific Coast. The Kinderdyk left Antwerp December 15 for Pacific ports. The Merdysk sailed from San Pedro December 20 for Great Britain via the canal. The Narenta left San Francisco December 8 for Southampton. The Nebraskan reached Glasgow December 17, and the Netheroy arrived at Seattle on Tuesday after a direct voyage from the canal north, with no stop before the vessel went into Port Townsend for quarantine inspection.

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Provision Counter Specials

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 Spencer's Springfield Butter, lb. 41c; 3 lbs. **\$1.20**
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 Spencer's Special Ayrshire Roll, lb. 38c and **42c**
 Mild Ontario Cheese, per lb. **27c**
 Old Ontario Cheese, per lb. **30c**
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 Spencer's Own Weenies, per lb. **30c**
 Spencer's Back Bacon, per lb., sliced **40c**
 Spencer's Mild Cured Side Bacon, sliced, per lb., **45c**
 —Lower Main Floor

Fur-Lined Coats

For the New Year

\$24.90 and \$35.00

At these prices you are given a choice of a superior selection of Fur-Trimmed Coats, made from excellent grade velour, in the best styles; ideal garments and stylishly trimmed. They are fully lined and have collars of favorite fur. Make this your opportunity to get a new coat for the New Year. Big values at **\$24.90** and **\$35.00**

—Mantle Dept., 1st Floor



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For Women

They Give Perfect Foot Comfort

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Oxfords in black kid and brown calf. At **\$11.00**
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 Sizes 2½ to 9. Widths, A-A to D. We can fit you.

—Women's Shoes, 1st Floor

Fresh Meats; Cash and Carry

Oven Roasts, per lb. **10c**
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 Rib Mutton Chops, per lb. **25c**
 Sirloin Steak, per lb. **22c**
 Large Beef Hearts, each **25c**
 Pork Back Bones, per lb. **30c**
 Lean, Boneless Stewing Beef, 2 lbs. for **30c**
 REGULAR COUNTER, DELIVERED
 Fresh Pork Spare Ribs, per lb. **18c**
 Cambridge Sausage, per lb. **20c**
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 —Lower Main Floor

Women's Flannelette Wear

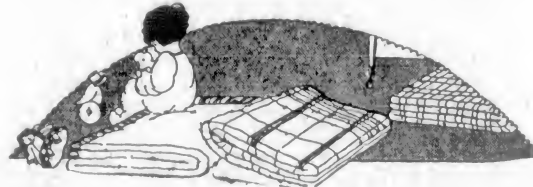
Excellent Grades at Special Prices

Heavy Grey Flannelette Bloomers, with elastic at waist and knee **85c**
 Striped Flannelette Bloomers, with elastic at knee. Special at **75c**
 Heavy Grey Flannelette Underskirts, made with self frill. Special at **85c**
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 Pajamas of white and stripe flannelette, one-piece or two-piece styles **\$2.50**
 Gowns, of best grade flannelette, well made and trimmed with tucks and fancy stitching at **\$1.45**
 White Flannelette Gowns, with high neck and long sleeves. Extra big sizes **\$1.50**
 Gowns of soft white flannelette in slip-over styles. Special at **98c**
 —Whitewash, 1st Floor

Women's Wool Sweaters

\$2.98 and \$3.95

All-Wool Tuxedo Style Sweaters, with short sleeves and narrow belts. They are very neat and are in shades of mauve and white, peacock and white, coral and white. Sizes 38 to 42. Biggest value of the season at **\$2.98**
 All-Wool Tuxedo Sweaters, in shades of eau de Nile, scarlet, cardinal, brown, navy and henna, and in contrasting shades of scarlet and white, saxe and white and Nile and fawn. They are finished with narrow belts and are of medium weight. Regular \$5.95 values. At, each **\$3.95**
 —Women's Sweaters, 1st Floor



Pure Wool Blankets

At Attractive Prices for the New Year

All Bought Direct From the Mills of Canada and Britain—Pure Wool All Required Sizes.

The "Douglas" White All-Wool Blanket, Blue or Pink Borders
 6 lbs., 60 x 80 ins., a pair **\$7.50**
 7 lbs., 64 x 82 ins., a pair **\$8.75**
 8 lbs., 68 x 86 ins., a pair **\$9.95**
The "Spencer" White All-Wool Blankets, Blue or Pink Borders—A Superior Quality
 6 lbs., 60 x 80 ins., a pair **\$9.50**
 7 lbs., 64 x 84 ins., a pair **\$10.95**
 8 lbs., 68 x 86 ins., a pair **\$12.75**
 10 lbs., 74 x 92 ins., a pair **\$15.95**
The "Scotch" White All-Wool Blankets—A Blanket That Will Give Years of Service
 6½ lbs., 64 x 82 ins., a pair **\$9.75**
 7½ lbs., 64 x 89 ins., a pair **\$11.25**
 8½ lbs., 72 x 84 ins., a pair **\$12.50**
 9½ lbs., 72 x 90 ins., a pair **\$13.90**
The "Ideal" White Blanket, Super Grade Wool
 7 lbs., 64 x 88 ins., a pair **\$13.95**
 8 lbs., 70 x 90 ins., a pair **\$15.95**
The "Heather" All-Wool Blankets—Ideal for Boys or Schools
 7 lbs., 64 x 84 ins., a pair **\$8.75**
 8 lbs., 72 x 84 ins., a pair **\$9.95**
 10 lbs., 70 x 90 ins., a pair **\$10.50**
The "Point" High-Grade All-Wool Scarlet Blankets
 3½ point, 64 x 82 ins., a pair **\$11.25**
 4 point, 64 x 84 ins., a pair **\$12.00**
 5 point, 68 x 90 ins., a pair **\$15.00**
 6 point, 72 x 96 ins., a pair **\$19.50**
Plaid Blankets—Excellent Grade—Fast Colorings
 Double bed size, a pair **\$4.95**
 Super quality, same size, a pair **\$5.50**
 —Blankets, Main Floor

Blouses for the New Year

Pretty Styles in Georgette

\$5.50



They are very special values at \$5.00 and will make most acceptable New Year's Gifts. Prettier Blouses than you are regularly offered at this price, and made in the newest styles; popular handkerchief front models trimmed with heavy lace; have short sleeves and dainty round necks. Shown in shades of flesh and white, and in sizes 36 to 44. Special value at, each **\$5.50**

—Blouses, 1st Floor

Dresses for Little Girls

Very Neat Styles and Good Values

Dresses of Navy Blue Serge, trimmed with colored stitching round the neck, or with neat collar. Suitable for the ages of 3 to 14 years. At **\$3.75** to **\$12.50**
 All-Wool Homespun Dresses, with novelty trimmings, suitable for the ages of 8 to 14 years. At **\$10.50** to **\$12.50**
 Flannel Dresses in several styles and colors. Suitable for the ages of 6 to 14 years. At **\$5.75** to **\$11.50**
 Novelty Silk Dresses, in shades of saxe, navy and henna; for the ages of 8 to 14 years. At **\$12.50** to **\$22.50**
 Homespun Dresses, in green, rose, saxe, purple and gold. Suitable for 6 to 14 years. At **\$4.95** to **\$13.95**
 —Children's, 1st Floor

Women's Apron Dresses

Special Value

Apron Dresses of good grade print, patterned in stripes and trimmed with plain colors. Special at, each **\$1.00**
 Apron Dresses of plain chambray, trimmed with cretonne. Special at, each **\$1.50**
 Apron Dresses of plaid gingham, in various colors; all sizes. At **\$1.79**
 Dresses of plain linen, in shades of tan, blue and pink, finished with patent leather belt. Special at **\$1.98**
 —Whitewash, 1st Floor

Raincoapes for Little Girls

At \$2.25 and \$3.75

Capes of waterproof material, in fawn shade. They are made with hood attached; for the ages of 6 to 14 years. At **\$2.25**
 English Made Raincoapes, with silk lined detachable hood; made full size and for the ages of 3 to 14 years; fawn or navy. Excellent values at **\$3.75**
 —Children's, 1st Floor

Infants' Wear

At Very Low Prices

Nightgowns of White Flannelette, finished with narrow crochet edging and ribbons at neck. Special at **85c**
 Infants' Long Dresses of White Nainsook, finished with narrow lace at neck and sleeves, and with yoke trimmed with embroidery. Each **75c**
 —Infants' Dept., 1st Floor

Christmas Entertainment

TODAY, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

Shook and Lipton's Lilliputian and Juvenile Circus and Punch and Judy Show

Performances Each Afternoon at 2:30 and 4 o'clock

—Lower Main Floor

A Special Clearance of Fire Dogs

We have a large selection of Fire Dogs that are being cleared at low prices as follows:
 Fire Dogs at \$2.50, \$4.50 and **\$6.00**
 Fire Baskets at reduced prices:
 18-Inch at **\$9.00**
 24-Inch at **\$12.50**
 —Shoe Dept., 2nd Floor

Winter Weight Sweaters

for Men

All-Wool Sweater Coats of medium weight, "Pride of the West" brand. They are made with shawl collar, pockets and have tailored buttonholes; form fitting styles in shades of green, white, grey, heather and brown. At **\$7.25**

All-Wool Heavy Knit Sweater Coats, "Universal" brand, made with shawl collar, two pockets and tailored to fit. They have hand-made buttonholes, and are shown in shades of green and brown, heather, navy blue and oxford grey. At **\$8.75**

All-Wool Sweater Coats, "Monarch" brand, of medium weight, shawl collar and two pockets. They are shown in shades of brown, grey, navy or green; light enough to wear under the ordinary jacket, **\$5.50**. The same coat with vest shape neck and two pockets. At **\$5.25**



"Penman's" Sweater Coats, made English Cardigan style, with pockets and sleeves and neatly bound with braid. They have vest shape neck and shown in shades of brown, black and navy; all sizes. At each **\$4.75**
 All-Wool Sleeveless Vests, British make, of medium weight and in dark lovat and heather shades, **\$4.75**
 —Men's Furnishings, Main Floor

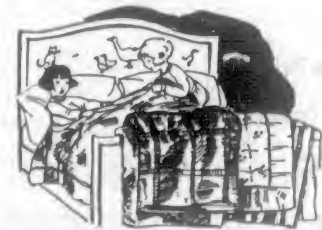
Men's Underwear

At Remarkably Low Prices

Cream Elastic Rib Shirts and Drawers, medium weight and in soft finish. Very special value at, a garment **\$1.00**
 Combinations of the same quality at, a suit, **\$1.05**
 Men's Natural Fleece Shirts and Drawers, medium weight. At, a garment **\$1.00**
 —Men's Furnishings, Main Floor

Men's Socks—Excellent Values

Men's All-Wool Heavy Four-and-One Rib Socks, imported; in shades of brown, grey, black and navy. Regular values 75c. On sale at, a pair **50c**
 Men's All-Wool Cashmere Socks, of medium weight; in shades of black, nigger and grey. Special value at, a pair, **75c**
 Extra Heavy All-Wool Rib Cashmere Socks, black only. Special at, a pair **\$1.00**
 Men's Black Cashmere Socks, all-wool; sizes to 11½ and 12. Special at, a pair **75c**
 —Men's Furnishings, Main Floor



Pure Down Comforters

Best Possible Values

These are of the best grades, made by manufacturers noted for quality. They are well filled and covered with the best material and shown in most attractive colorings.
 Down Comforters at **\$11.75** and **\$9.75**
 Down Comforters, ideal qualities at **\$16.75** and **\$23.50**
 All on view in the Staple Department.

—Main Floor

Imported All-Wool Traveling Rugs

A shipment of All-Wool Traveling Rugs has just arrived, fine imported goods, of finest quality. They are 58 x 68 inches and shown in fancy plaids with fringe ends. Special value at **\$6.50**
 Heavier Grade Wool Traveling Rugs, in choice patterns; very best grade; size 60 x 70 inches. Excellent values at **\$10.75** and **\$15.50**
 —Men's Furnishings, Main Floor